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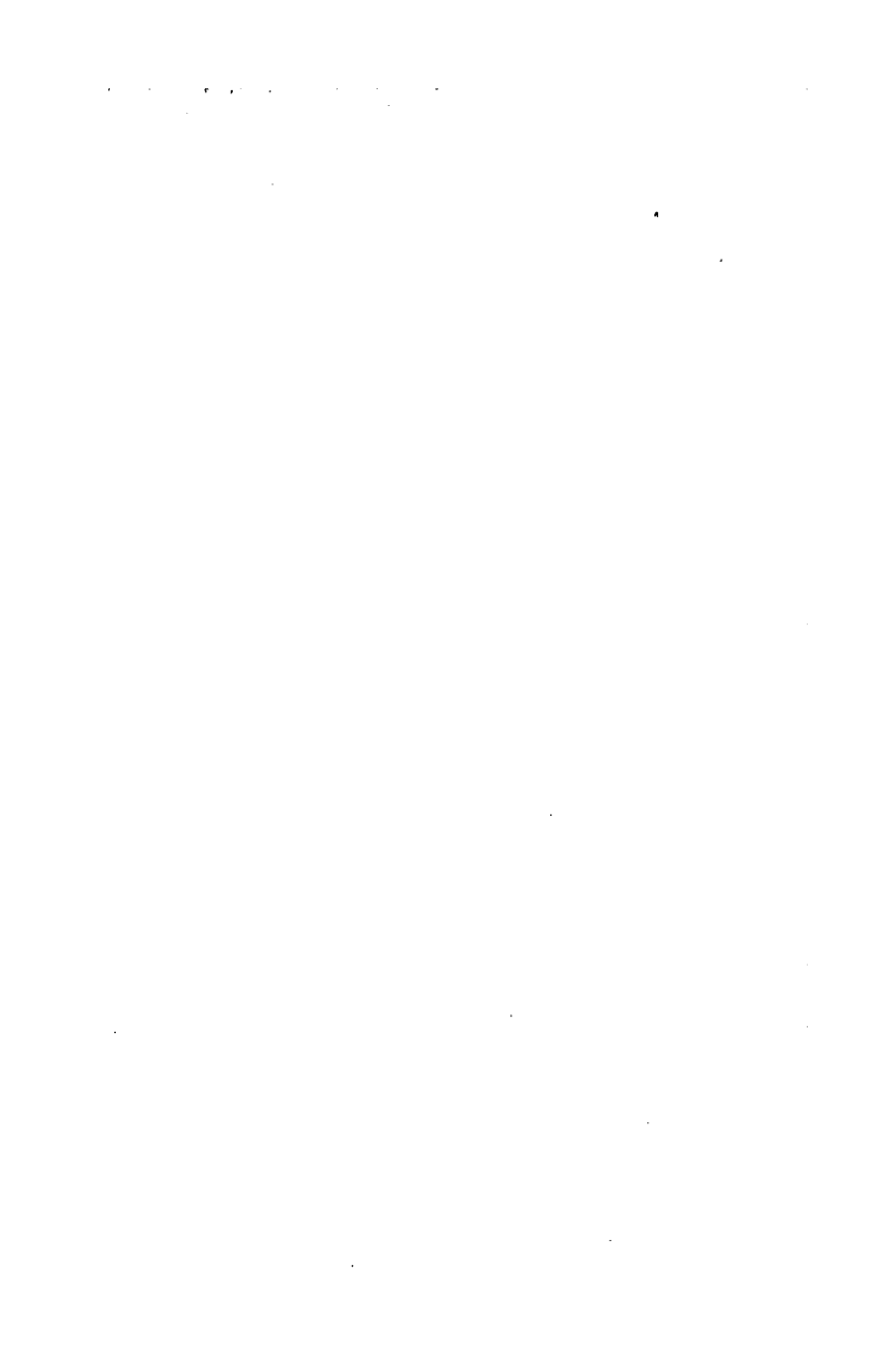
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P R E F A C E.

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THE importance of correct Spelling is equalled only by the difficulty which the majority of pupils experience in acquiring it.

The results of the Civil Service and other examinations afford evidence of the defective modes employed. In the Civil Service reports more than three-fourths—seventy-six per cent.—of the rejected candidates have Spelling given as one subject in which they were deficient. The plan of teaching by lists, or columns, of words is evidently insufficient. In the ordinary dictionary a large number of words are given, which are so seldom used as to be nearly obsolete, and mental powers are exercised in learning words which are never afterwards required. The more advanced educators of the present day have wisely determined to teach Spelling by Dictation.

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The Author has adopted this plan in his own school with marked success.

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PART I.

LESSON I.

The abbot and the abbess were obliged to leave the kingdom, when the abbey was abolished. Charles V., after his abdication, amused himself with watch-making.

The disciples of Mahomet hold pork in abhorrence; their only book is the Koran, without abridgment or abbreviation. They also affirm wine to be an abomination, and are very abstemious in drinking.

The aborigines of America are fast fading away; their decay is accelerated by indulgence in rum, whiskey, and other alcoholic drinks.

The French Academy is the great authority in matters of literature; accession to its membership is difficult of accomplishment.

Many hale persons injure themselves by accommodating ailing people. The king was seldom accessible, after his acceptance of the crown. By an accident, the whole edition of Latin accident was burned.

The young musician accomplished the accompaniment, to the satisfaction of the singer, as well as of the assembled audience.

The soldiers were badly accoutred for a winter campaign, and for marching through accumulated snow, to which they were entirely unaccustomed.

After a short acquaintance, the admiral acquiesced in the proposal, and acknowledged the plan to be

good. The prisoner was acquitted for want of adequate testimony against him.

Adhesion of the lung to the cavity of the chest was the cause of death. The court adjudicated that the plea of ignorance was not admissible in law, as that would cause additional offences.

The aggression of the troops was aggravated by the haughty conduct and address of the ambassador, when affability would have afforded good reasons for its being passed over.

All shoemakers use an awl in their business, which is allowed to be useful. The altar-piece had been altered with great skill by an artist, whose heart was given to the art, to which he had vowed allegiance.

The allurements of pleasure are to young persons what the ignis fatuus, or will of the wisp, is to travellers.

On the marriage of the prince, he declared aloud that every amelioration should be allowed to the prisoners; and before his ascent to the altar, he assented to their petition.

LESSON II.

Ambition often leads men to ruin, and causes anarchy in governments. Amphibious animals, like the frog, live in water and on land.

Butler's analogy is one of the best arguments for a Christian faith. A chemist who analyses substances is called an analyst; but one who writes history is an annalist. The anniversary of American independence is held annually on the 4th of July.

While seeking an anchorage, the anchor drew up an anker of brandy, which some smugglers must have thrown, or lost, overboard. A letter without a name attached is an anonymous letter.

Annihilation, as we regard it, is only a change in the form of a substance. Some angles of the ancient

building are still adorned with angels; but many were destroyed by the animosity of the parliamentary party.

The antechamber of the antiquarian's house was filled with models of antediluvian animals, some of which were found in the Arctic, others in the Antarctic regions, and some in our Antipodes.

Our anticipations were surpassed by the scenery of the Archipelago; but the apartments in which the islanders dwelt were very dirty.

The Apocalypse, the last book of the New Testament, contains twenty-two chapters. The fit of apoplexy was brought on by a pretended apparition.

The application of medical galvanism requires appropriate apparatus. Apprentices are not legally bound beyond the age of 21 years, so the master was apprehensive lest he should lose one.

Many men are called the architects of their own fortunes, such as George Stephenson and his son, who made viaducts and aqueducts.

The prisoner complained of the aristocracy, and his audacious speech was audible outside the court, which was only divided by an artificial screen.

The judge ordered his removal, and it required the assistance of two gaolers and their assistants to remove him. In some parts of Italy, assassins may be hired to assassinate people, and the police take little trouble to ascertain the murderers.

Life assurance is very important to those who would show real attachment to their families; but the authenticity of the tables is important. The Roman priest was called an augur, or soothsayer, but the carpenter uses a tool which is also called an auger.

LESSON III.

Bachelor of Arts, Law, Divinity, or Music, is a degree conferred for proficiency in studies.

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Balloons are now made useful in scientific researches. The bass part in music lies at the base, or lowest part, of each scale.

The musician who bare off the bachelor's degree, could not bear the discord made by the organ-grinder and his bear.

The bee, having been loaded with too much honey from the bean-blossoms, lost his balance from excess of baggage.

The banditti, hiding in bye-ways, were taken by the police, and, though anxious to buy pardon, were sent into banishment—a light punishment for the barbarism committed by them.

The battalion of guards believed it to be difficult to break down the barricades, but easy to lie down in the brakes of the park. One fell from the tree into the brakes, and brake his leg.

The beginning of many books is more beautiful than the end. I blew off the blue petals of the beautiful water-lily.

Tame elephants are employed to beguile wild elephants into an enclosure called a keddah, where they are snared.

The pope bestowed his benediction on the believers in his infallibility, who considered him to be a benefactor.

The East Indian brews an intoxicating liquid from the bruised leaves of the Areca plant.

A cargo of beech wood was found on the beach, and the bottomless boat of the vessel in which it had been wrecked.

The bigotry of the persecutors left us breathless with astonishment.

The man who attempted to run the blockade was only called blockhead because he was unsuccessful.

Games at ball are usually accompanied by a great deal of bawling, every one making it his business to bawl as loudly as possible.

The **Bey** of **Tunis** had a palace pleasantly situated on the **bay**, near the city **bazaar**.

The boy who was **blown overboard** by the **boisterous** wind, was kept in a **buoyant** position by a **life-buoy**.

In **Oriental** **bridal** processions, as well as at **burial** services, horses in **brilliant** array are frequently led by the **bridle**.

Baron **Lackland** made a **biennial** tour of his **barren** boundaries without a **beneficial** result.

Cakes twice baked are called **biscuit**, or twice cooked. In **East London**, **beetles** are often mis-called **beadles**.

The **benevolent** clergyman, **burying** a poor parishioner, caught a **bronchial** affection, from which he suffered but **briefly**.

The dishonest **Turkish** baker had his ear **bored**, and nailed to a **board** by his own shop door.

The ancient **British** poets were called **bards**, and few castle halls, or even cottages, were **barred** against them, nor were they **bored** for the payment of **board** and lodging.

A nest had been built by a **buzzard** on a **buttress** of the old castle.

LESSON IV.

A **cabinet council** was held at the **court**, when the queen took **counsel** from her ministers, who said that all the **counsellors** of the law courts could not justify **brigandage**.

B.C. 560, a **cowherd** was employed by **Cambyse** to destroy **Cyrus**, then an infant; but being a **coward**, or, perhaps, unable to **concur** in the scheme, he could not **conquer** his disinclination, but **carried** him to his wife to be **cherished** as her child.

The **concluding** verse of **Chronicles** informs us, that the **decease** of **Cyrus** would have been a **calamity** to the Jewish nation, for, after such a **catastrophe**, their **captivity** might have been **chronical**, or lasting.

In the course of his speech, he used many coarse allusions, with questions enough to make a catechism, and in which he uttered a catalogue of criticisms, calling on the committee to account for the current high price of currants and chicory.

The boat of the slaver lying in the creek would have been concealed but for the creak of its cordage, which rendered concealment impossible.

The kernel of the nut contained a poison, with which the negro poisoned the colonel in his first campaign, because he coveted, and had been refused, the cymbals, which were a symbol of his position in the band of the regiment.

The criminal was cited to appear at a court martial, but, having obtained a sight of the summons, by unsealing the letter, he escaped through a hole in the ceiling of his cell, climbed the wall by help of a cedar tree, which grows commonly in that clime on similar sites, and thus escaped condign punishment.

LESSON V.

Carriages were introduced in 1580, and cherries in the reign of Henry VIII. The candidate calculated that his competitor would not calumniate him; but he did this without concealment, or ceremony, at every convenient opportunity, and declined either concession or conciliation.

When Julius Cæsar perceived that Brutus and Cassius were among the conspirators, he covered his countenance with his cloak, the confidence and courage of this conqueror collapsing at their criminal concurrence in the conspiracy.

The crews of the Caroline and Cleopatra were compelled by their captains to cruise on the Coromandel coast, until completely competent to manage their cannon, consistently with the canon of the naval code; and cruised in a circuitous course until their

complexions became copper-coloured, and they were called home to careen the vessel.

Cotton is highly compressible, but is continually liable to spontaneous combustion; cotton cargoes are consequently dangerous, though conspicuously valuable to the Confederate States under present circumstances. It is often carried by caravans through the centre of Asia.

By a clause in the iniquitous game laws of William the Conqueror, the claws of all dogs were obliged to be clipped to prevent their joining the chase.

Calcined chalk, shells, and coral will produce lime for building.

A collection of characteristic, or contemporaneous features of any subject, is often called a Cyclopædia.

A vessel which holds incense is called a censer, while a person who remarks on the characters of a people is called a censor. In Ancient Rome, the censor was a public officer.

LESSON VI.

Cranberries and clotted cream are eaten in North America, and pineapples are more abundant in the West Indies than cucumbers in England.

Soon after the coronation, the king commenced to suffer from a complication of disorders, but would not condescend to communicate his condition, even to confidential companions.

The contributions of Paine and other infidel writers are really contemptible, in composition as well as in conceit.

The ceiling of the cabin had not been properly caulked, so that the water came through the crevices, and discoloured the chandelier, which had been previously injured by the corks of champagne bottles, and other casual collisions.

A Barbary ape, in the garrison of Gibraltar, fixed

his head into the little **cask** of a sentinel, and wore it like the **casque** of a cavalier; careering along the **corridors**, he was chased by soldiers and **courageous** civilians, but found refuge in the **cottage** chamber of a **chaste** matron, whose husband, having been once a **currier** of leather, was then **courier** to the countess of **Clarendon**.

Considerable confusion was caused by the continual **caws** of the **crows**, which had colonized all the **copice** from centre to circumference.

All **choristers** in **cathedrals** are chiefly occupied as **coadjutors** of the **canons** and **clergy**.

The sailor who **chews** tobacco, cannot choose a more filthy habit.

The site of the **capitol** of **Rome** was **capitally** chosen; from it a sight of the other six hills can be obtained.

LESSON VII.

Chlorine is a valuable bleaching agent; and **chloroform** sends people to sleep.

The **Hindoo** student, at an **English** university, loses **caste**, and, on coming back, is **cast** out of the society of his countrymen.

The **Knights Templars** made a vow of **celibacy**, which caused many to lead corrupt lives, and to **contract** **connexions**, which created much scandal.

The confession of the criminal was a cause of common congratulation, as all were conscious of his callous nature.

The consummation of the scheme was contingent on the collection of competent colonists.

The fact that the distance of the **constellations** is correctly computed, is certainly **controvertible**, though the **credibility** of those employed in the computation cannot be challenged.

Lord Bacon, though constantly courteous, was

changeable with covetousness in his capacity of chief judge.

Even cannibals become controllable by laws, when brought into collision with pure Christianity; the character of man is changeable under differing circumstances.

Warburton, the clever author of the "Crescent and the Cross," was lost on his passage to America.

The signet of the colonel was required for the removal of the cygnets from the lake.

The chief part of our electric machine is a crystal-line cylinder, capable of circular or collateral motion.

By colloquial conversation we acquire the clearest pronunciation. Calculation and calligraphy are conceded to be most important in counting-houses.

LESSON VIII.

In 1816, in consequence of the depredations of pirates in the Mediterranean Sea, an expedition was despatched against Tunis, Tripoli, and Algiers.

The dey of Algiers declined, on deliberation, to surrender, but after a day of bombardment by Lord Exmouth's fleet, disheartened and dispirited, the dey capitulated, determined to abolish slavery in his dominions, and to dismiss all Christian slaves from that dreadful position.

The army of Henry V. suffered dreadfully from dysentery, or diarrhea, before the battle of Agincourt, which caused debility, disarranged the king's designs, and rendered his position desperate.

By diligence on the part of the king, and dutiful docility on that of the soldiers, he was delivered from this dilemma and its dangers, not only without detriment or deterioration, but with dazzling glory.

Before the bombardment of Copenhagen by Nelson in 1801, the Danes would not deign to try either duplicity or diplomacy; but a deluge of destructive

and **damaging** missiles **destroyed** all their **defences** that were **destructible**, leaving **dilapidation** and **deformity**, where all had been **durable** and **decorous**.

The line passing through the centre of a circle is a **diameter**, but from angle to angle of a square is a **diagonal**.

The **decease** of the **duchess** of **Kent** caused great **distress** to the **Queen**, which she did not **desire** to **disguise**, since it was due to a mother, whose life had been **dedicated** to the **mental** and **moral develop-**
ment of her **dutiful daughter**.

LESSON IX.

To **boast** of one's **descent** from **distinguished an-**
cestors, or of **dissent** from the **denomination** of others,
is never **desirable**. **Minds** are **differently constituted**,
and **deference** is due to **honest opinions**.

Llewellyn **discovered** his **dear babe** **dabbling** in
the **blood** of a **wolf**, which he **deemed** to be his **child's**
blood spilt by his **deer-hound**.

Dalliance with **daggers** is **dangerous**.

Decimal, **decimation**, **December**, **decemvir**, and
decennial, all spring from the Latin **decem** (ten).

The **dire depravity** of the **drunken dyer** caused
his **death**. He had previously **suffered** from **delirium**
and **mental derangement**.

The **diminution** of the **discussion class** caused it to
be **dissolved**: **disagreements** and **disaffection** always
have **disagreeable results**.

Very little dessert was **discoverable** in the **desert**;
but there were **delicious dates**, on some **deciduous**
trees, **distributed** in **different places**.

The **diffusion** of **correct sentiments** has **diminished**
duelling. The **degenerate descendants** of **ancient**
Egyptians **disregard** the **desecration** and **depopula-**
tion of their **tombs** and **pyramids**, nor do they **dissuade**

or disallow visitors to enter them, and to disinter the mummies.

The figures delineated therein are very dissimilar in design, but the colours are of great durability. Diamonds have been discovered there, and there are steep declivities with double doors.

Deceit and duplicity are discoverable among all savage nations.

The lady of that demesne would not demean herself by appearing on a dromedary, in her dishabille, to the derision of debtors and creditors; so all were disappointed who lived in her duchy.

LESSON X.

The ear of the eagle and many other animals is beautifully formed for hearing, and many can hear ere they can see.

The shock of the earthquake was felt even here, and the eclipse was easily seen.

Earthenware is manufactured chiefly in Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

The emperor was equal to every emergency, and though exceedingly excited, did not appear to experience embarrassment when the emptiness of the exchequer was exhibited to him. He earnestly insisted on economy, and exhorted his ministers to attend to it.

Ebullitions of temper and eccentricities are unsuitable to all persons whose energies have to be exercised in the edification of believers, and in the effectual enlightenment of earnest enquirers.

The ecliptic is elliptical, or oval, in form.

Enthusiasm is excellent, if not evanescent, but may be mistaken for the effervescence of an excited brain, with exaggerated ideas.

Eminent engineers have made energetic endeavours.

to complete the Atlantic telegraph, and often with imminent danger.

Epidemical, or contagious, diseases make extraordinary progress in equatorial, or equinoctial, regions, where vegetable efflorescence is abundant, and evaporation, as well as the emission of noxious exhalations, is very great.

Slave emancipation was the object of many emissaries of England.

Elementary education was denied to negroes without exception or experiment, though demanded with eloquent and elaborate arguments.

An equilateral, equiangular figure, with one right angle, must be a square.

Erysipelas and epilepsy are both exceedingly difficult to eradicate from the constitution.

LESSON XI.

Etymology explains the roots of words; entomology gives the history of insects: the examination of both is interesting. The latter are the executioners of important agencies in the world.

Electricity is a subtle fluid, which exists everywhere, and may be evoked by friction from every non-conductor or electric.

Ephemeral is applied to ephemerides and other short-lived insects—effeminate to those men who are woman-like.

His elocutionary efforts were embellished by ejaculations and apostrophes. His equanimity was evidently the effect of egregious egotism, while his erroneous quotations evidenced his deficient erudition.

At the examination, an especial eulogium was passed on the student, who had explained most explicitly the difference between elision and elimination in grammar and mathematics.

The executor, having been convicted of embezzlement, emigrated ; but, worn by excessive toil, became emaciated, lost all elasticity of spirit, all exhilaration of mind, and died impoverished.

In the old Spanish court, etiquette encircled everything, so that only one person in the empire could exercise particular offices.

An equestrian expedition was despatched ; but the equivocation of a false guide environed them with snares.

The empress passed a high eulogy on the soldiers, who endured the excruciating torture of their wounds with exemplary patience.

Excommunication, as an expedient of ecclesiastical tyranny, is an evil without extenuation, which has extinguished many shining lights, whose extinction has been equally a crime and a calamity.



LESSON XII.

The writer of the "Arabian Nights" had a great facility in the fabrication of falsehoods, and many of his fair readers might find better fare for their minds.

Many snakes are said to have the faculty of fascination. Birds hop round them in fear until they fall from fatigue.

Tropical climates are famous for their fecundity, or fertility, in animal and vegetable life, flowers and farinaceous, or flour-producing plants, with fowls and some foul reptiles.

The falconer trained his falcon faithfully, but it escaped from its perch, flew into the flue of a chimney, and fearfully damaged its feathers.

Formerly the royal champion rode into the banquet hall, and formally challenged objectors, English or foreign, by throwing down a gauntlet, while the falchions and flambeaux flashed fiercely around.

The whole facetious fraternity of fiddlers at the

fate, though familiarised with folly, were saddened at the fate of the fratricide.

The fur of the fox was rubbed off by friction against the fir tree.

A flotilla of gun-boats followed the Federal ship, furiously firing, while the fugitive made futile efforts to escape.

The wire of the electric telegraph is flexible, but not fragile; its flexibility allows it to be bent, but fragility would allow it to be easily broken.

The fisherman was cast ashore with his boat through a fissure of the rocks, and escaped a frequent fate of fishermen.

I find that the noble Miltiades, who gained the battle of Marathon, was heavily fined by his ungrateful countrymen.

Fanaticism is another name for exaggerated enthusiasm.

LESSON XIII.

The apparent faint of the prisoner was only a feint to evade the hand-cuffs, and eventually to escape.

The fruiterer carefully prunes the young foliage for fruition in the following year; but frost frequently frustrates his hopes.

Fundamental truths should be faithfully taught, and never uttered frivolously, nor without reverence.

In Holland, inundations frequently occur by the floes of ice heaping together, and stopping the flow of the water.

The financial statement of the chancellor was said to be fictitious by those whose familiarity with the fluctuations of the money market, gave great force to their opinions.

The felon forfeits his liberty for his felonious intentions, if found on premises where he has no business.

Ferruginous earth is that which contains iron in quantities.

He would fain have stayed from the funeral, so he feigned illness.

The forcible entrance to the fortress was a formidable affair: there were fourteen guns in the fore part of it, and it seemed like foolhardiness, especially as many soldiers were on furlough.

An Irish cottager wears a frieze coat during the freezing winter.

Blondin performed daring feats at a height of sixty feet from the ground.

Breaking metals into fractional parts aids their rapid fusibility.

After the fourth attempt, seeing its futility, they forthwith determined to withdraw from the siege, to the great felicity of the garrison.

LESSON XIV.

The Spanish galleon was taken by Anson's crew with great gallantry.

Birds of the common fowl kind are called gallinaceous, from gallina, a hen.

A generalissimo is the commander of the whole army.

The wound of the gallant grenadier was gangrened by neglect. He looked ghastly, but gloried at being mentioned in the gazette: his glassy eye glittered again with gladness, at the thought.

The Goddess Diana, at Ephesus, had a gorgeous shrine, generally believed to have fallen from Jupiter.

The Roman Government allowed gladiators to fight to the death, for public gratification.

The gardener grew gherkins as well as geraniums, and formed grottos as well as greenhouses, gracefully situated in groves.

The English **gnat** and the tropical mosquito are similar insects.

The beaver **gnaws** through trees, and is **graminivorous**, as well as **granivorous**, devouring corn and roots.

The **gesticulations** of Grimaldi were so very grotesque, that his guests might have guessed him to be insane.

The **gabble** of the garrulous old man amused the garrison.

The usual **gage** of battle was a gauntlet; but a **guager** is an excise officer, who **guages**, or measures, vessels.

The **gizzard** is very powerful in all grain-eating fowls, as they are given to gobbling in a gluttonous manner, not only all **glutinous** substances, but also **gravel** and small stones.

The boatmen in Venice are called **gondoliers**, and their boats **gondolas**, of which graphic descriptions are given by geographers.

LESSON XV.

The **grief** of the governor was grievous to behold, when the **guilt** of his son was proved.

The crime was as **great**, though the stolen vase was only silver **gilt**, instead of **gold**.

The **great** decrease in cost of iron lowered the price of **grates**.

The **grizzly** bear was floating away on the **glacier**, while the **glazier** was making glue of several **gristly** substances.

Rothschild would give a **guinea** to a beggar for the pleasure of seeing him hurry away with it.

The **grocer** had **grown** so stout that walking upstairs made him **groan**, while being **galvanized** made him **grosser**.

I caught a **glimpse** of the dancers and their guitars

through a groove in the gnarled and knotty wainscot; but the guttural voices of the gamblers, the noise of the children's gambols, and the giddiness caused by my position prevented my hearing anything distinctly.

The gaoler won the genuine gratitude of his captives by saving them from the guillotine: no better guarantee of generosity could have been given.

Guile was necessary in this business, to guard against surprise; but fidelity to tyrants is like a gossamer thread.

Gregarious animals manifest greater greediness of food, and their skins are less glossy than others.

Gymnastic exercises are useful, but dangerous.

The law of gravitation was discovered by Sir Isaac Newton, who died 1727.

A dictionary of obsolete words is called a glossary.

Gypsum is another name for plaster of Paris.

LESSON XVI.

The hail storm drove the hale old haberdasher into the ale-house, the too frequent habitation of ailing people; and there he harrowed up the feelings of his hearers, by saying how the heroine had been haled to prison, pale and haggard, with dishevelled hair.

The hare hurried through the hedge, and was there harried by dogs, having been hindered by a snare made of horse-hair.

The Hindoos are fond of handsome handkerchiefs as well as of harmonious sounds; but Turks delight in the harangues of story-tellers, the tricks of harlequins, and similar humorous hilarities.

Hiram, king of Tyre, did not hesitate to hew down high cedar trees for Solomon.

Hugh Spencer was particular about the hue of his habiliments, or dress.

The pope, as head of the Catholic hierarchy, is called his holiness.

Our happiness and healthiness are habitually sustained by God, our Heavenly Father: He hears every prayer uttered here in dependent helplessness.

The heliotrope is found in the horticulture of both hemispheres in common with many other herbaceous plants. Hyacinths and tulips flourish in Holland. Hollyhocks also attain to a great height.

Hypercritical people are over particular. Hypocrites are deceitful. Hypocrisy excited anger even in the Holy Saviour.

Hydraulics treat of water in motion; hydrostatics of water at rest.

Homogeneous things are of the same; heterogeneous of different kinds. He who haplessly kills another by accident is called a homicide.

The hedgehog is to the hippopotamus as the hillock to the high hill.

The hart found refuge in the heart of the forest from the hard hearted hunter, while the rest of the herd could be heard hurrying away.

The hoard of the hunters' store was plundered by a horde of Indians.

LESSON XVII.

Many of the Egyptian hieroglyphics are hideous in appearance; but they are of historical interest as far as hitherto deciphered.

Hoarseness is an affection of the air tubes; hicough a spasm of the stomach; while hoariness is applied to the whiteness of old age.

The hawthorn dale was a favourite haunt of my Aunt Harriet in the halcyon days of her youth. It has still almost as much attraction for her as it had in those happier days. She would hie there in fine weather in high glee.

Headache and heaviness usually result from over-feeding.

The sawyer received a horrible wound from a horizontal saw, a handbreadth wide.

The humidity of the atmosphere was removed by the hurricane.

The haughtiness of the prosperous man made his humiliation deeper, when the hour of misfortune came. Our truest wisdom would counsel humility.

Eastern nations are noted for their hospitality, of which history gives a hundred examples.

However humane a magistrate may be, his humanity must not hinder his justice.

Mental hallucinations often harass persons suffering from fever: they dream of heinous crimes and horrible catastrophes.

Hydrophobia is water-madness, but hydrocephalus is water on the brain.

The morning hymn of him who is truly sincere is always acceptable worship.

The tombs at Nineveh were hermetically closed, so that the air was excluded. Huge heaps of stones were huddled together, which may be hereafter useful against heretical opinions and infidel doctrines.

LESSON XVIII.

The ichneumon is a useful animal inhabiting North Africa, an intrepid hunter for crocodiles' eggs and smaller reptiles. It is identical with drawings and illustrations found in the interior of Egyptian tombs.

The illumination of the horizon was caused by the ignition of an inn, in the inside of which were immense quantities of inflammable spirits. The incendiary was taken, and met an ignominious fate impenitently.

By the incessant labour of individuals, who inhabited the immediate neighbourhood, it was extinguished. It was easy to identify the incendiary, so an indictment was framed against him.

The entrance to the court was impassable, but the demeanour of the criminal was impassible. The judge was impartial, the crime inexplicable, punishment inevitable.

The inscriptions on the Rosetta stone are of inestimable value in the investigations of ancient history, and give information previously inaccessible, respecting Assyria, Persia, and other countries.

The ignorance and illiberality of the early Mahometans induced them to destroy the invaluable libraries of Alexandria, which was an immeasurable loss to literature.

From time immemorial Britain has been renowned for its tin, which is found in Cornwall.

The objections were insuperable in law, though immaterial in fact.

The worship of idols is an idle superstition, though idolaters abound in Asia and other countries.

Flattery is an incense acceptable only to fools; but intelligent and wise men are incensed by it, and regard it as an insinuation of weak intellect.

Interference with intemperate men is dangerous. Inducements to inebriation are frequent among brewers, and many industrious men become infatuated by habits of intoxication.

The Crusaders used an iron mace inwrought with steel, and covered with spikes.

LESSON XIX.

The secret writing was illegible to the keenest sight; but when held to the fire, the letters instantaneously appeared.

Eminent soldiers are often exposed to imminent dangers, when their loss would be irretrievable; at the instigation and through the intrigues of inferior men, in influential positions.

The expenses incidental to the installation of the

archbishop, were paid by annual instalments from his income.

The designs of our Heavenly Father are as inscrutable as his resources are inexhaustible, and his benevolence infinite.

To Christianity we owe our best institutions and incalculable blessings, and to the atonement and intercession of Jesus, our hopes of immortality.

The Indicative, Imperative, and Infinitive are Moods in Grammar.

Intrusion into the maze was rendered difficult by the intricacy of the paths, and sundry impediments making it almost impenetrable.

The inaccuracy of the report was increased by the incapacity of the translator, whose impotence was only equalled by his impudence.

Insensible to petty praise or blame, our incomparable chief was deaf to ill-natured innuendos, instinctively armed against insidious designs, immovable in his decisions, inexorable in punishment of the incorrigible, to whom alone he was implacable. His enemies acknowledged him to be incorruptible in virtue and integrity, as well as invincible in courage. Never intimidated by dangers, his plans had the appearance of instinct or intuition. He died at Corunna. His sun went down at noon, amid the lamentation of two nations, England and Spain.

LESSON XX.

Restraint was irksome to the irascible islanders.

The illegal or illicit traffic in smuggled goods is injurious to all who engage in it. Many inhabitants of our island have been injured by it, either by acquiring indolent and intemperate habits, when in port, or meeting with an ignominious death, when taken prisoners.

Imprecations uttered against others, are **infractions** of the Christian law :—" Bless them that curse you."

The **interpretation** of ancient books is difficult, because many **interpolations** have been made, **interfering** with the original.

The **insurrection** in Tunis made our visit there **impracticable**. The **insurgents** **impugned** the honesty of the chief minister; and our impression was, that his **innocency** was doubtful.

The efforts of the troops were **insufficient**, or **inefficient**, to quell the rebellion, through the **indomitable** courage of the rebels. The movement was initiated by a man who, though **innocent**, had been **implicated** by the minister in a conspiracy.

His manner had been so **imperious**, and his conduct so **irrational** and **iniquitous**, that **innumerable** charges were made against him. The most gentle persons **inveighed** against him, and were **inimical** to his interests.

The **imagination** has greater force in some characters than in others: the most intellectual are the most **imaginative**, and most liable to **insanity** and other mental **infirmities** and **irregularities**.

Insect cares and ills, which are **insignificant**, are often most difficult to endure.

The first letter of a name is called the **initial**, from **initium**, the Latin for beginning.

LESSON XXI.

Some countries, as Egypt and China, are watered by artificial **irrigation**.

The **isthmus** of Corinth was famous in Grecian history for the **Isthmian** games which were held there.

Achilles was said to be **invulnerable** except in his heel, the injury inflicted there by the arrow of Pares, could not be healed.

The witness was subjected to a rigid **interrogation**,

in the course of the investigation, by a very ingenious lawyer, until he became irritated by the questions, and replied indiscreetly and incoherently.

Napoleon had an interview with Alexander of Russia in the middle of the river Niemen, before that invasion, in which his immense army was beaten, and innumerable hardships, resulting from his insatiable ambition, destroyed his hitherto invincible soldiers.

Multitudes perished amid ice and snow, where the very breath became icicles—victims to his impious and inflexible will, and to his illegitimate aspirations.

Wheat is said to be indigenous to Sicily, and coffee to Arabia.

It is incumbent on us to imitate good examples, and to avoid intimacy and intimate intercourse with immodest persons.

Clever persons are called ingenious, candid and open, ingenuous. Indecision of character is a hindrance to improvement and usefulness; an independent will is discernible in most great men.

The Inquisition was established to prevent religious innovations; was carried on by injudicious men, and with iniquitous means.

Its object was to destroy what is indestructible, and to burst the bonds formed by conscience, which should be indissoluble. By it men were subjected to gross indignity and cruelty, and multitudes of innocent persons died by its instrumentality, who had been inveigled within its iron grasp.

LESSON XXII.

In the journey through life we jostle against strange company. Sometimes we are in jeopardy from the wickedness of our contemporaries, at other times from their follies or vanities.

Janizary is the name given to the Turkish imperial

guards. **January** is the first month of the Christian year.

The judge has just entered the town, accompanied by the sheriff and his javelin men; and after service will commence his judicial duties, doubtless judiciously.

The journalists will be present to give an account of his various judgments, which will be published in the daily and weekly journals.

His manner was at times quite jocular; but he was very stern with the jeweller who was robbed, because, in his jaunt round the country, he had boasted about his box of jewellery.

Among the Jews every fiftieth year was a jubilee, when lands were restored to their original proprietors, and Jews, who by misfortune had become slaves, were restored to freedom.

The magistrate dismissed the charge, as beyond his jurisdiction.

In Eastern countries jackals are very numerous and troublesome, not only devouring dead animals, but they will drag the bodies of buried persons out of their graves.

We went on a picnic, and had a jovial party. All were alike jocose in speech and jocund in manner.

LESSON XXIII.

The Indian juggler performs marvellous feats, which not only astonish the juveniles, but puzzle the old and wise.

The Jesuits are members of a religious order, founded by Ignatius Loyola in 1540, whose object has been to extend their order and faith at every sacrifice.

Jaundice is a troublesome disorder, which turns the patient a greenish yellow colour.

The jealousy of the Jews was excited when Paul

declared that henceforth he would go to the Gen- tiles.

The **juniper** tree furnishes berries, the juice of which was formerly used to give a flavour to gin.

The **juveniles**, while struggling for the **jam** pot, fell against the **jamb** of the door, and were bruised.

The **jessamine**, or **jasmin**, is a fragrant plant frequently trained on houses.

The **jollity** of the **jurymen** was out of place, and certainly not **justifiable** on so serious an occasion. There is a time to be **jocular**; but the trial of a man for his life is no fit opportunity for **jocular**ity.

The fruits which are **juicy** are the greatest favourites.

Janitor is another name for a gaoler, or jailer.

The **junction** of the rivers **Tone** and **Parret**, in **Somersetshire**, forms the isle of **Athelney**, where **Alfred** spoiled the cakes.

Jews and **Jewesses** go on **Friday** to weep over the fragments of **Ancient Jerusalem**.

LESSON XXIV.

The **kangaroo** of **Australia** has a **keen** scent, as well as long hind legs; and its hinder toes have the **keenness** of a **knife**.

The **key** of the warehouse was dropped on the **Custom House quay**; but the door was blown open by putting **gunpowder** in the **key-hole**, and blowing the lock off.

The **knell** of the funeral bell was heard at the burial of the **knight** who was **killed** at **Ketteringham**.

The little son of the **colonel**, sitting on a grassy **knoll**, eating the **kernels** of **filberts**, was **kidnapped** by some **knaves** who hoped to gain money for restoring him.

As they passed the **kennel** of the hounds, one which had got loose without the **knowledge** of the **keeper**, **knowing** the child, followed the **kidnappers**,

and made so many attempts to bite them, that, fearing the discovery of their **knavery**, they unwillingly dropped him.

In Russia, where the government is despotic, the common instrument of torture is the **knout**, a kind of thonged whip which, has many **knots**, and which not seldom takes off the flesh with the skin.

The drum used by cavalry regiments is called a **kettle-drum**.

The habitation and cattle pens of the **Kaffres** and **Hottentots** are called a **kraal**, and are usually built in a circular form, to keep out lions and other beasts of prey.

LESSON XXV.

The wounded limb of the **knight** was bound with a lady's **kerchief**, or **handkerchief**, kindly tied in a **knot** by her own hands.

The **knapsack** of a soldier is used at times to place his head upon while he takes a **nap**, or short sleep.

Skill and care are needed in **kneading** dough properly.

The **knave** cut a hole in the door with his **knife**, stole away by **night** with the **knight's** sword, and hid himself in the **nave** of the cathedral until daylight.

The animals which have four large cutting teeth in front, and **gnaw** vegetables—as rats, mice, rabbits, and others—are called rodentia, or **gnawers**: others **gnaw** bones, but have teeth differently formed.

The foolish officer wrenched off the **knocker** of the door, and, in doing so, hurt his **knuckles** severely.

The doctors met to discuss various **knotty** points.

In many **kitchens** a stove called a **kitchener** is now used: the fire burns rapidly when once **kindled** therein.

A **kilderkin** is a liquid measure containing eighteen gallons, and a **firkin** nine gallons.

Keepsake is a name given to a friendly present.
Cows are often called **kine** in the older writings.
The witness **knew** of only one **new** road through the forest.

LESSON XXVI.

I **laid** me down **lazily** under the laurel during my **leisure**, having spent a **laborious** morning in **literary** occupation.

The study of **language** is **interesting**, as well as **useful**.

Lieutenant Bellot perished in an Arctic expedition.

The generals and the rajah met some **leagues** from each camp, and agreed to a **league** or treaty of peace; they were **led** to this, partly, by **lack** of ammunition, especially of **lead**, and by an offer of a **lac** of rupees from the rajah to the government.

The defeat which had preceded this meeting, was a **lesson**, which did not fail to **lessen** the self-confidence of the Hindoo prince.

A Welsh vessel **laden** with **leeks**, **lettuces**, and other vegetables, sprung a **leak** in latitude 54° N., but was saved by the **laudable** efforts of the carpenter, who was **lowered** from the deck at great risk.

Longitude is measured **along** the equator, **latitude** north or south of it.

The diamond was polished by the **lapidary** in his **laboratory**, under the superintendence of the **loquacious** owner, of whose **liberality** the **laconic** artist had no cause to complain.

The Hebrew **lexicon**, or dictionary, was compiled by the **learned** librarian, who had thoroughly **learned** the **language**.

A **lithographer** is one who draws designs and portraits on stone, and is much employed in illustrating **literary** productions.

Rosamond Clifford is said to have been hidden by

Henry II. in a maze, or labyrinth, the clue to which was discovered by his queen, and the lady poisoned by some loathsome liquor—a sad fate for one whose loveliness had attracted the licentious king.

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LESSON XXVII.

The grimaces of some comedians are so ludicrous, that one can hardly look at them without laughter, while their sayings are often as laughable as their lineaments, or features.

The spotted lynx in the menagerie snapped at the links of his chain, as if quite weary of his lodging.

The glaciers of the Alps, by their liquefaction, produce rivers, which are the source of luxurious vegetation to France and Germany.

Longevity is the usual result of temperance and virtue.

Persons of a lymphatic temperament are lethargic and slow in all their operations.

The lair of the leopard was lined with layers of bones, which had accumulated in the lapse of years.

Among the Lapps, there are few creatures which lap their food.

The skies in the Arctic regions are frequently illuminated by luminous clouds, called the Northern lights, or Aurora Borealis.

The legislations of Solon and Draco were widely different; the former was as liberal and mild as the latter harsh and severe.

A translation, word for word, is called a literal translation; but a position on the sea-shore is called littoral, from the Latin *litus*, a shore.

The liquid from the eyes is secreted by the lachrymal gland, so called from *lachryma*, a tear.

Both clergy and laity agreed to abstain from litigation, and to settle the dispute without going to law.

## LESSON XXVIII.

While lying on the grass, we are liable to lose the articles which are loose in our pockets. One who had lain down by the side of the lane, lost his leather pocket-book.

The bishop crossed the lawn in his lawn sleeves during the rain, followed by clergy and laity in a very forlorn condition.

Lampblack, which is formed by the burning of tar in furnaces, is extensively used in printing and dyeing.

The leviathan is a monster of the deep; but the term is applied to anything unusually large in size.

Lampreys and other luxuries killed Henry I. of England, in A.D. 1154.

The Saracens burned the libraries of Alexandria in A.D. 642.

The lammergeyer is a large vulture, located in the Alps and Andes.

Pipes of lead were made to lead cold water over the building, while other pipes led warm water to the laundry for the laundress.

The Arab laid a burden on his camel, heavy enough to have laden two, so the beast laid himself down, refusing to move.

Laudanum is a liquor made from opium and spirits of wine.

The lower classes of society seldom know anything of the lore of the ancients.

The larynx of the singer became full of lassitude from over-exercise, and she languished some time in ill-health.

The laceration caused by gunshot wounds is exceedingly difficult to heal, and causes lengthened suffering.

The widow was called on at once to repay the loan, and, being a lone woman, had great difficulty in doing so.



## LESSON XXIX.

The printer was indicted for publishing a libellous statement, which, though logically true, was not consistent with legality; and he was only acquitted through the liberality of thought on the part of the jury.

Money which has been due more than five years, cannot be recovered; a statute of limitation prevents its legitimate recovery.

The Queen of Belgium partook of a luncheon, at which she saw the most luscious fruits of the season offered by the people of Liege to their liege sovereign.

The joints are bound round by strong ligaments, or bands, which keep them in their places, and are moistened by a kind of lymph, or oily matter, called synovia.

A portrait painter is sometimes called a limner.

Lymphatic temperaments render persons slow in motion, thought, and speech; and in young people, lessen the power of learning lessons.

One of the oldest musical instruments was called a lyre, and it is often referred to in poetic literature.

The poor lunatic had lain all night in the lane, which led to the lead mines, having lost himself hunting among the leeks for his leaky shoes.

The lieutenant heard at the king's levée, that there was to be a fresh levy of troops, so that increased taxes would be levied.

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LESSON XXX.

The mayor of the town was accustomed to ride a bay mare, the main feature of which was its magnificent mane.

He was much occupied in preventing the mischief caused by mischievous blackguards, who burned pri-

vate property, but he received very meagre support from the municipality.

The municipal election will shortly take place, when Messrs. Macaulay and Moxon will be chosen.

The mail is usually carried or driven by males, but in some thinly-peopled districts, females are employed.

Many of the miners in our coal and iron districts are not only miners but minors, as they are under twenty-one.

By the explosion of the magazine, the powder was destroyed, which was intended for mining purposes in the mountain.

The mountaineer met with a melancholy fate; he missed his footing while descending in a mist, and fell over a precipice.

The provost marshal seized the miscreant, and he was tried by court martial for malingering, or pretending illness, as well as for desertion and marauding with other marauders.

The Chinese Empire is ruled by officers called mandarins.

Machinery has done much to increase production, and to cheapen a multitude of miscellaneous manufactures.

The value of mahogany as furniture was discovered by mere accident. A mariner gave a piece to a carpenter to manufacture a salt box; but the material was so hard, it spoiled all his tools, and the owner was obliged to employ a cabinet-maker.

LESSON XXXI.

The kings of Ashantee and other West African states amuse themselves by a frequent massacre of slaves, either malefactors or prisoners taken in war.

The medals of the soldiers were made of silver metal, and pawnbrokers were forbidden to buy them, or meddle with them at all.

The **message** of the **major** put the **marines** on their **mettle**, and the **major** part volunteered to join the **expedition**.

All poetry must be of **somé metre** or **measure**, and all **coals** are sent out by a **meter** or **measurer**.

The **Boy's Miscellany** contains a **multifarious** selection of **merry tales** and **miraculous escapes**, and is full of **mirth** and **merriment**.

The **Mussulman** performed many **feats** of **muscular strength**, requiring the **muscles** to be thoroughly exercised: he seldom took **vegetables**, and lived chiefly on **meat**, whenever he could **meet** with it.

The **machinery** of the **factory** was all **mortgaged**, and the **mortgagee** wanted his money to be repaid, but the **mortgagor** could only raise a **moiety** of it.

Iron is one of the most **malleable** of **metals**, and **machinists** make use of it more than any other.

Maledictions of the wicked usually injure themselves, and are never used by men of **magnanimous feeling**.



LESSON XXXII.

The **mien** of the **culprit** before the **magistrate** was **mean** enough, especially when the **stolen miniature** was produced by the **myrmidons** of the law: the evidence seemed so clear to the **magistracy**, that the **mittimus** was made out.

No **Frank** is allowed to enter a **Mahometan mosque**, but some have succeeded by the **maintenance** of a strict watch over their acts and words, and by **marvellous skill**, in **misleading** the **managers** by various **manceuvres**.

In the **memoir** of **Marshal Suwarrof**, his cruel **massacres** are praised as **martial deeds**, while many of his victims were truly **martyrs**, without using a **metaphor**; a list of his virtues would be **meagre** indeed.

His body is now lying mouldering in the dust, but his malignant memory lives.

The majority of mechanics are miserably educated, unless they have the manliness to make meritorious efforts to improve themselves in mathematics and other sciences.

The quantity of maize grown in America is amazing.

The unfortunate negro had received a promise of manumission, but had not the papers, so he, with two marriageable daughters, managed to escape, in spite of manacles and the malevolent designs of his new master.

The worship of Mammon is manifestly no monopoly in any country, but is in active operation everywhere.

A military life is full of excitement and danger in war, but many murmur at its monotony during peace.

LESSON XXXIII.

In the menagerie we saw birds with bills, the mandibles of which were many inches long, from the Mediterranean.

The miserable looking hyena marched up and down, while the mischievous monkeys made malicious grimaces at us.

All ancient books were in manuscript until printing was discovered, and were preserved and copied chiefly in monasteries.

The wretched matricide was mercifully acquitted of murder, but convicted of manslaughter, though a small minority were against him.

The electric telegram passes through metallic wires, and all the operations are connected with metallurgy and mineralogy.

The marriage of the one lady led to other matrimonial engagements.

From **Midsummer** to **Michaelmas** the fruits of the earth abound, from the mulberry and melon to the monstrous mangel-wurzel.

The missionary ship, called the **Messenger of Peace**, was wrecked by one of the mysterious currents flowing about the coral islands; many useful memoranda, but no lives, were lost on the memorable occasion.

The **Mendicity** Society was instituted to check the spread of mendicancy or begging, with the mendacious conduct of the beggars, who imposed on multitudes by their mendacity.

Marginal references are useful to direct students in their search for parallel passages.

Many medicinal preparations are made from plants as well as minerals.

Euclid, the mathematician, flourished 3000 years ago, and his geometry has ever since maintained the first rank.

LESSON XXXIV.

Mnemonics is a science of modern invention, for helping the memory to attain and retain useful memoranda.

A monologue is a soliloquy or speech by one person, as a monarchy is a government by one, from the Greek monos, alone, only.

The languages of Thibet and China are monosyllabic, each monosyllable representing some idea.

Monotonous sounds and meditation lead the mind to repose.

The reigns of Diocletian, at Rome, and Mary I., in England, are memorable as periods of martyrdom for religious belief.

The butterfly passes through more than one metamorphosis, undergoing three mysterious changes between the egg and the insect.

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and

man ; for man he endured numberless mortifications, was put to death as a malefactor by his merciless persecutors, and now reigns in heaven until the millennium.

Goods are carried across the mountains of Spain by muleteers and their mules : the men are not remarkable for their morality, most of them being smugglers.

The ancient Druids revered the mistletoe plant ; under the shadow of the oak on which it grew, they taught what they knew of metaphysics, morals, religion, and, as some believe, the metempsychosis, or the doctrine of the migration of the soul into various bodies.

LESSON XXXV.

The same doctrine forms part of the Hindoo mythology, and they will not eat meat, nor destroy any animal, for fear of mutilating one of their ancestors.

The sounds of his mellifluous voice, modulating with the melodious tones of the organ, pleased the congregation as well as the minister, and prevented misbehaviour on the part of the scholars.

Some persons are unwilling to receive the facts of Scripture without modification or mitigation, because some of them are beyond our comprehension ; but it is not to be expected that all the words or works of the Creator can be understood by the creature.

The mutineers of the Bounty nearly all met violent deaths, being mutually distrustful and rebellious in spirit.

The mayor gave a munificent present to the borough after the municipal election ; but his motives were misunderstood and maligned by the municipality.

The multiplicity of his engagements prevented his rising above mediocrity ; his mutability of purpose,

moreover, was against him, so that to have attained eminence, it must have been something miraculous.

The result of the railway accident was the mutilation of the limbs of several passengers.

LESSON XXXVI.

The point above our heads is called the **zenith**, and that beneath our feet the **nadir**, from an Arabic word.

The **Nabob** of Arcot indulged in opium and other narcotics until he could seldom take any nutritious food, and eventually died from want of nourishment in the midst of all luxuries.

The narrative shows us how necessary is temperance and self-denial; neither his nephew nor nieces indulged in it.

The British army, though numerically weak, was strong in confidence, health, and discipline—qualities which are more necessary than mere numbers in military forces.

The national fête of Napoleon III. is held on the 15th of August.

Naturalists are uncertain about the migration of nightingales; but they are noted for their nocturnal warbling.

In nunneries no male visitors are allowed except priests, and none of the nuns, nor even the novices, can leave the gates without permission.

Some navigators have been notorious for piracy and cruelty; this was well known in the Spanish main, where the buccaneers were a nuisance to all fair traders.

Numeration, though placed at the beginning of arithmetic, is a numerical subject seldom understood by beginners.

The science which treats of coins, is called **numismatics**, from **nummus**, the Latin for a coin.

Some of the world's heroes have retired from power into necessitous circumstances.

LESSON XXXVII.

His feet were numb with the cold, which benumbed all nature.

Nitre is a necessary ingredient in gunpowder and fireworks.

Nitrogen forms a large proportion of common air.

The nuptials of the princess were celebrated, and the prince was naturalized as a subject, after some negotiation.

Nomenclature is another name for a dictionary of names.

By the negligence of the authorities many injurious nuisances were allowed to accumulate, among others a naphtha factory, which was nominally innocuous, but really a nuisance.

By a nonsensical arrangement nautical men were shut out from the Marine Society, though novelists were admitted.

The naming of a candidate at elections is called a nomination, and the person appointed by a patron is called a nominee.

The poor old miser was such a niggard, that he would not take sufficient nutriment to keep him alive, though he had no cause to fear neediness in circumstances, as half the houses in the neighbourhood were his. To every suggestion about necessary food and a medical man, he replied with a distinct negative.

The captain's ignorance of the navigation, nullified the efforts of the sailors, and rendered their nautical skill of no avail.

LESSON XXXVIII.

Our windows are quite opaque with frost before the hour of breakfast, and the opacity makes the rays of light more oblique or slanting, because they are more refracted.

The orphan was indebted for subsistence to a few **odes**, which his father had written **occasionally** during his lifetime, and to a small sum which the bookseller still owed him.

The **orations** of Cicero are second only to those of the **orator** Demosthenes; but many of the words then used are now **obsolete**.

The head of the **Ophthalmic** Hospital was a famous **oculist**, who had studied **ophthalmia** and all **ocular** diseases for many years. He was assisted by other eminent **opticians** in the **operations** which he performed on the eyes.

I believe that the peeling of **onions** affects the **eyes**, and so does looking at snow a long time.

The **ostrich** is remarkable for its powerful digestion, and is **omnivorous**, devouring, as the Arabs say, stones as well as seeds.

The nerves of the nose, used in smelling, are called **olfactory** nerves.

All fish are **oviparous**, or egg-producers: the whale is not **oviparous**; therefore the whale is not a fish.

Oxygen is the life-sustaining gas contained in the atmosphere.

The place where the musicians and singers stand at a concert, is called the **orchestra**.

In the deserts of Arabia **occasional** fertile spots are called **oases**.

Joseph told how his brethren made **obeisance** to him, and so became **obnoxious** to them, and received **outrageous** treatment from them.

LESSON XXXIX.

The study of the **osseous** or bony system is called **osteology**, from the Latin **os**, a bone: bone-eaters are called **ossivorous**.

Old rope, when picked to pieces, is called **oakum**.

Picking oakum is the ordinary employment of prisoners in our jails.

In the ordnance office, arrangements respecting ammunition and stores, are made, and all ordinances must originate there respecting the arsenals, powder, shot, shell, and artillery.

Oaten cake is the chief food of the Scottish peasantry.

A sheet folded into eight pages, is called octavo, while an eight-sided figure is called an octagon, and an angle of more than ninety degrees an obtuse angle.

A very stolid or stupid person is also said to be very obtuse, though obtuseness may be often traced to obstinacy.

The funeral obsequies of the Duke of Wellington were public, and were attended by multitudes of observers.

Oriental customs frequently require that the body of a dead person be burned.

The frequent occurrence of illness sadly hindered the progress of observation in the observatory, which was set up at Otaheite to observe the transit of Venus, and other optical experiments.

The occupation of a public news' reader is injurious to the optic nerve.

The pendulum is said to oscillate less regularly at the poles than at the equator: the compass varies in a similar way.

The officer was very obsequious to his superior, but very tyrannical to the officials who were under him.

LESSON XL.

The obelisk of Luxor was rescued from oblivion and obscurity by being removed to the Place de la Concorde, Paris.

The origin of sacrifices is very ancient: we read

of sacrificial offerings in the earliest history, both sacred and profane.

The martyrs had to pass through a terrible ordeal, and to endure tortures from their obdurate and odious persecutors.

The oracle at Delphi, in Greece, was famous for its oracular responses to questions sent from all parts of Europe and Asia.

It is the opinion of some inquirers, that the priestess who gave the answers, sat over an orifice in a cave, from which issued a mephitic vapour, which caused temporary insanity, during which the answers were obtained.

All languages originated in one original tongue: this is proved by the presence of similar words in all known languages.

The tendency to obesity, or fatness, is increased by the neglect of exercise, and over-feeding.

Orthography, correct spelling, must be distinguished from orthoëpy, which is the correct pronunciation of words.

Our obligation to our parents increases with their kindness: we owe them more than we can ever repay, and should neglect no opportunity of being obliging and kind.

Opposition to the opinions and plans of obtuse persons often renders them more obstinate and obdurate.

LESSON XLI.

Half of the army was cut off, with many officers, and one who had previously won three medals, was killed.

This was the result of obedience to orders given by an officious civilian, whose oddities brought this calamity on them, in spite of the courage and skill shown in their operations.

Oleaginous or **oily** matter is necessary in the manufacture of soap, though that is usually an **offensive** manufacture.

The attributes of **omnipotence** and **omniscience** can be given only to the Divine Creator of all things, to whom we are indebted for all the **organization** in the Universe.

He **overshadows** the creatures which He has made, from **opening** blades of grass to the great orb of light, and other bodies. In Him there was no **origin**, neither beginning of days, nor end of time.

The **onyx** is a semi-transparent gem found in India and Siberia.

When the government is in the hands of few, it is an **oligarchy**.

The **Occidental** are the western regions, as the **Oriental** are the eastern; the latter abound in **odorous** plants.

The sailor **overbalanced** himself, and fell with outstretched arms into the water.

The **ostensible** cause of the bankruptcy was the luxury and **ostentation** in which all the firm had indulged.

LESSON XLII.

The governors of Turkish provinces are called **pachas**, and their governments are called **pachalics**. The nations which do not profess Christianity, are called **Pagans**, their religion **Paganism**.

In India persons travel principally in **palanquins**, a kind of carriage borne on men's shoulders. These are seen in **processions** also, and in the pompous **pageants** in which Eastern people delight.

Parliament is usually prorogued in July, if practicable. The programme of **parliamentary** business is pronounced in the queen's speech, when she appears

surrounded by all her peers and peeresses in the Upper House of Parliament.

Parochial affairs are often made personal matters by parishioners, either from political, parsimonious, or professional motives.

The patriarchs ruled despotically over their households, but polygamy was a fertile source of dissension and perplexity, and led to the perpetration of many crimes.

A promontory is a prominence on a coast jutting into the sea, from which a fine panorama of a country may be seen.

Many of our Saviour's parables are as simple as beautiful, and suited to the popular teacher of a mixed populace, containing prejudiced Pharisees and philosophic Sadducees, as well as paralytic and poverty-stricken countrymen.

The police were engaged in the pursuit of the paricide; but all their skill and penetration were vain: he was protected by the peasantry, who had strong prejudices in his favour, as the last of a line of chiefs.

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LESSON XLIII.

The rebel was perpetually changing his hiding place; his physical and mental suffering, however, were so great, that he resolved to surrender peaceably, presuming on being pardoned.

The population of the Spanish Peninsula has been wasted by long wars; but the country is pre-eminently productive and fertile.

The Roman people were divided into patricians and plebeians in the early period, each striving for the predominance; but as luxury and possessions increased, these parties became less prominent, until prodigality and political changes altered the whole state of affairs.

Oliver Cromwell tried to prevent the persecution

of the **Waldenses**, and to his **powerful** intervention was united the **perspicuous** eloquence of Milton.

From time to time a new **panacea** is **promulgated**, which is to **prevail** over all diseases; every **particular** quack has his **pamphlet** and his **universal** medicine, appealing to the **miseries** or **prejudices** of society.

The **proprietor** of that **palace** lost his **patrimonial** estate by his devotion to the fortunes of the **Pre-tender**: his **predecessor** had been distinguished for **prodigality** and **pusillanimity**.

The **patrimony** was afterwards forfeited, and **parcelled** out into **portions**, forming **pretty** little **properties**, the **possessors** of which owed much to the **partiality** of the **presiding** commissioners, who rewarded **politics** rather than **probity**.

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LESSON XLIV.

Propriety of demeanour, as well as **correct phraseology** are essential in **polite** society.

A **pantomime** is always amusing, when **performed** by **professional** players, who are **proficient** in their parts.

"**Procrastination** is the thief of time." The habit of **postponing** the duties of to-day until to-morrow, is **pernicious**, and **productive** of **permanent** injury to its **practisers**.

The **perfection** of good reading is **perceived** when we think of the subject only, and not of the reader.

A **phrase** is a short sentence; several **phrases** make a **paragraph**.

Probably few persons are so unhappy as **passionate** people: all who indulged in **paroxysms** of **passion** in ancient times, were **pronounced** mad, hence the proverb, "**Anger** is short madness."

The **Pacific** Ocean was so called from its **peaceful** appearance to **passengers**, after **passing** through the straits south of **Patagonia**.

Most peninsulas in the world tend southwards; the exceptions are Jutland, Denmark, and Yucatan.

Parallel lines are those which, being produced in the same direction, never meet; a parallelogram has its sides parallel.

Paralysis arises from disease of the nervous system, and those who suffer from it are called paralytic.

A five-sided figure, or polygon, is also pentangular, or five-angled, if the sides are equal.

LESSON XLV.

Peregrination is another word for travelling, from the Latin *peregrinus*, a traveller; and *perambulation* signifies walking about.

The participle is a part of speech partaking of noun and verb, while a preposition is placed before, and governs nouns and pronouns.

The man of penurious habits pinches himself by his parsimony, and hardly gives himself permission to purchase the necessaries of life.

The penitent thief appealed successfully to the mercy of Jesus, and by His prerogative, was saved from perdition, and went to Paradise.

Job was renowned for patience as well as personal piety: he lived in a patriarchal age, as is perceivable from the account of his pious practices and paternal sacrifices.

The partition of Poland between Austria, Russia, and Prussia, was an iniquitous piece of spoliation and robbery, and has been a palpable and positive source of weakness to those nations.

The monkeys of America have prehensile tails, by which they can suspend themselves perpendicularly downwards.

The medical practitioner has peculiar opportunities of knowing the providence or prodigality of his

patients, and his patience is often profoundly tried by their poverty.

The prevalence of epidemical diseases puzzles physicians and surgeons as much as ordinary people, and they know as little of their propagation.

Perennial plants and flowers are those which bloom year after year.

LESSON XLVI.

A prologue is a short speech before a play, and to prorogue a parliament or other assembly is to postpone it for a certain period of adjournment.

A promissory note is given for money due, and, if not met with promptitude, endangers the credit of the promisor.

In phrenology, the animal propensities are placed at the posterior portion of the brain; their development is earlier than the intellectual or reflective.

The heart and other viscera are surrounded by the pericardium; but the pericranium is a membrane covering the skull.

The Hindoos endeavour to propitiate their deities by human sacrifices, prostrating themselves beneath the wheels of the car of Juggernaut.

Correct pronunciation is called euphony, and is essential to preachers, presidents of assemblies, and other functionaries.

In the Northern Highlands, many poor persons obtain a precarious living by hanging over precipices, procuring the eggs and the down of sea-fowl.

They often find themselves in dangerous predicaments from too close propinquity to the rocks.

The proximity of Indians to the frontier caused the primitive settlers perpetual anxiety, and the perpetration of many crimes.

In the pyramids and tombs of Egypt, bodies are found, which have been preserved from putrefaction

by a process of embalming, which prevented putrescence, and permitted the retaining of the original shape,

LESSON XLVII.

Psychology is the science which treats of the mental powers, and the emotions of the soul, or spiritual nature.

Physiology treats of the animal frame, from the skeleton to the skin, while **physiognomy** only deals with the features.

The Jews thought much about purifications, especially the **Pharisees**; but with too many, the purity was only external.

The principal requirement in man's character is that he should be possessed of, and moved by, good principles.

Solomon says, "The prosperity of fools shall destroy them."

Capernaum was exalted to heaven by its privileges, and pre-eminently blessed by the presence of our Saviour; but its prejudices and sins resisted his gracious influence.

Napoleon is said to have had presentiments of good or evil fortune, and some philosophers say that coming events cast a shadow before them: this is probably a superstition.

David prayed that he might be kept from presumptuous sins.

By the perfidious conduct of Sir John Monteith, the patriotic Wallace was betrayed after many perilous escapes. The patriot perished by the executioner, while the plausible traitor was promoted to honour; yet posterity praises the one, while the most phlegmatic detest the other.

The picturesque scenery around Guildford forms a pictorial panorama, pleasantly diversified.

LESSON XLVIII.

In **polytechnic**, **polygamy**, **polytheism**, and **polysyllable**, the word **poly** signifies many, from the Greek **polus**: **polytechnic**, many arts; **polygamy**, many wives; **polytheism**, many gods; and **polysyllable**, many syllables.

The periodical overflow of the Nile is a permanent advantage to the Egyptians, whose prosperity and provisions depend upon it.

Publicity is important to professors of the healing art; but punctilio and etiquette prevent indiscriminate puffery.

The proscription under Sulla and Marius was a personal matter, each proscribing and destroying his own enemies, without public trial or prosecution, at the will of the tyrants.

The persecution of Christians was most severe under Diocletian, who subjected them to most poignant tortures and penalties; but their perseverance in that persuasion continued unto death.

Many, even young children, who could have escaped punishment by bowing to a pagan deity, preferred death to such impiety. This persistence in the faith was imputed to mere perversity of disposition, and, as a spectacle to the populace, the Christians were delivered to the lions and other wild beasts.

Their principles were not to be shaken nor perverted by such persecution, which was welcomed as preparatory to Heaven.

In Madagascar, in modern times, Christians have been precipitated from rocks, and their blood poured forth as water; but faith has been more powerful than torture, and they have persevered.

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LESSON XLIX.

Peace was obtained by a piece of trickery, of which princes might have been well ashamed, as the position

of the patriotic party was peculiarly strong, and the presumption is that they would have been victorious.

After the hunt, the prints of the lion's claws were found on the prince's horse, so that he had escaped only by a precipitate retreat, and by help of Providence.

He was naturally a precocious child, and his precocity was encouraged and fostered by the principal courtiers.

The witness was charged with prevarication by the legal practitioner, who evidently had some pique against him, perhaps because he had once torn the peak of his son's cap.

The jury would not, however, prejudice the case, but gave every possible attention, even to the prolix and wearisome personalities of the plaintiff and his plaintive partner.

Many curious phenomena are at present a puzzle to philosophers as well as philanthropists; but science and general learning are making rapid progress.

The petulant printer fell through a window, and a broken pane caused him serious pain as well as loss of blood, which plagued him for several months, and gave him a lesson in patience, which few patients would particularly like.

The danger was increased by the poisonous nature of some of the printing materials, which penetrated the wound.

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#### LESSON L.

Plagiarism is the copying of the writing, or work of another without properly acknowledging, or paying for the privilege.

The philologist is a student of language, or lover of words; the philanthropist is a lover of mankind.

The ancient Greek philosophers were called peripatetics, from peripatein, to walk about, because they

were accustomed to **parade** or **promenade** in the gardens as they taught.

**Photography** has become not only pleasant but useful, and **portraits** of criminals are used to detect runaways.

In civilized warfare **pillage** is not **permissible**, except when **places** have been taken by storm.

In the days of the **Puritans**, many good men were **punished** by standing in the **pillory** to be **pelted** by the **populace**: their ears and noses were **pierced**, and numerous cruelties were **permitted** to be **perpetrated** in the name of the law.

**Pneumatics** teaches concerning the atmosphere and its **properties**.

The **pigeon** sat on a **pinnacle** of the temple—a picture of **pensive prettiness**, pleasurable to **perceive**.

**Phosphorus** enters largely into the composition of bones, while **lime** prevents their too great **pliability**.

The mountainous parts of Arabia Petrea abound in **ponderous petrifications**.

The Roman states are injured by **pestilential exhalations** from the Maremma, and its undrained **Pontine marshes**.

The **pallid** countenance of the **pauper** showed his **poverty**, and that **pecuniary** assistance would not be **premature**.

The **pellucid** rivulet reflected the **poplar** trees, and made the walk quite **popular** among the young **promenaders**.

In the **preceding** pages an effort is made to teach **spelling**—a **proceeding** which deserves the **patronage** of **posterity**.

The ancient Macedonians fought in a compact body called a **phalanx**, and now all compact bodies are called **phalanxes**.

The **past participle**, and not the **past tense**, should be used after the verbs **have** and **be**.

## LESSON LI.

The popularity of that physician was increased by the success of his prescriptions, and the sale of his medicine was prodigious.

The presidents of the United States, as well as other public functionaries, are required to be punctilious in their actions, and to perform everything in accordance with precedent.

The pedagogue carefully taught the Pentateuch, as containing a wonderful account of the creation, of the patriarchal dispensation, and of the laws of Moses.

The perfidious conduct of the parricide was without palliation, as the conduct of the parent had always been kind.

The people showed their partiality for pageantry by perambulating in crowds during the Lord Mayor's show, to the great perturbation of the police.

The Jewish prophets, in the time of Jeremiah, prophesied falsely, and professed to despise his predictions and prophecies.

Palestine and Egypt were proverbial for fertility; but they became a prey to powerful potentates and puissant invaders, against whom they prayed in vain and without profit.

The milk pails which were provided, were painted of a pale green colour.

The children in their puerility were pleased with the pears, which grew in pairs outside their window, and which they pared before eating.

The presents of porcelain were handed to the king in the presence of all the court.

The dog licked some poisonous colour off the palette of the painter, which destroyed the palate of his mouth, so that he could only lie on his pallet of straw.

Pineapples are as common in the Bahamas as turnips in England.

William I. was hurt by the pommel of his saddle.

## LESSON LII.

The Psalms of David were poetical, and used as psalmody by the Jews.

The plenipotentiary made some piquant observations on the piracy of the Algerian pirates.

The negroes caught a porpoise and some poultry, and boiled the flesh with their porridge, giving such food the preference to any other.

The wounded priest was dressed with a poultice of potatoes; but the postillion, who lost the portman-teau from the postchaise, was expelled the precincts of the premises.

The propositions of Euclid are remarkable for their profundity, and for their progressive character.

The style of some authors is so perspicuous that their meaning is easily perceivable.

The professor of pyrotechnics gave some brilliant exhibitions of fireworks, in the most populous of the provincial towns, to the great delight of the populace.

By the persuasions of the priest, the accused man read frequently the penitential psalms, which, though always in his possession, he had never perused.

They proved to him a precious treasure, and led him to manifest true penitence, and to aim at permanent reformation.

A peremptory order was issued by the proprietor of the estate to apprehend and punish all poachers.

The philosopher suffered from palpitation of the heart through persistent and pertinacious continuance in his study, when his physician prescribed rest and exercise.

Design pre-supposes a designer, and only a fool, in looking on the wonderful productions of nature, and the evident organizations, and adaptations of Providence, would persist in unbelief.

The British constitution is the palladium of English liberty.

The free flow of **perspiration** from the body, either sensible or insensible, is very important for the **preservation** of health.

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LESSON LIII.

The **quarrelsome** boy **quaked** before the **quiet** eye of his master, who had often **quelled** such squabbles quickly.

The water **quenched** the fire certainly, but it made quite a **quagmire** around the **quaint** old farm house.

The **quality** of articles cannot always be determined by quickly glancing at their **outsides**.

A **quadrant** is one **quarter** of a circle, containing ninety degrees, and an useful instrument to navigators and land surveyors: a sea captain would be in a **queer** **quandary** without one.

**Quadratic** equations are those which form complete squares.

The disease called **ague** was formerly called **quacke**, from the Saxon, and when the fits came each fourth day, it was called the **quartan** **ague**.

In a first voyage at sea, **queens** feel as **qualmish** as subjects.

The travellers, being kept long in **quarantine**, amused themselves by dancing **quadrilles**, and playing at **quarter-staff** and **quoits**.

**Quackery** abounds in all ages and climes, and not in medicine only; wherever notoriety is sought by questionable means, there are **quacks**.

The **Eastern** **caravanserai** is usually built in the form of a **quadrangle**, with sleeping rooms on its four sides.

The place of officers' **quarters** on a large ship is called the **quarter-deck**.

The chorister stood before the rest of the choir, and sang as many **quavers**, with a quivering voice, as would have filled a **quire** of music paper of the usual

quarto size, while all the rest were quivering with the cold.

Notes and Queries is a publication which supplies answers to the inquiries of querists.

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LESSON LIV.

Quinine is a most useful preparation of Peruvian bark, and is a specific against fever. It grows in South America.

The quiescent state of the atmosphere was favourable to astronomical inquiries, so that replies to our queries were soon given.

The queen, having lived three quarters of a century, had grown querulous, questioning and complaining continually.

Quassia is a bitter plant, the bark of which is a good medicine for fevers. It is found in Surinam and West Indies.

Quicksilver, the heaviest of all fluids, is called quick, or alive, because of its incessant motion. It is found in Spain, Germany, Hungary, and in South America.

What happens every day is sometimes called quotidian, or daily.

The quince is a strong smelling fruit shaped like a pear.

A bench of magistrates is called a quorum, and quorum is applied to the number of a committee, necessary to transact business.

When the sun and moon are attracting the earth at right angles, they are said to be in quadrature, and the tides are always low.

Anything five-fold is called quintuple; four-sided, quadrilateral; four-cornered, quadrangular.

An extract from a book is a quotation, and it is said to be quoted.

The quotient of a sum is the result of a division,

and a **quittance** is a receipt in full, which prevents any legal quibbles.

The **key** of the warehouse was lost on the Custom House quay.

Several **quarts** of beer were consumed by the men who were **quarrying** the **quartz** and limestone in the quarry, which did not increase their **qualification** for the labour.

What occurs every four years is called **quadrennial**, and every five years, **quinquennial**.

LESSON LV.

We read that in ancient times men wrote with **reeds**, and that the Druids learned their science by rote, or by heart.

The sun's rays were **radiant** and warm, and the heat **radiated** resplendently in every direction, so as to raise an abundant vapour.

The **rabble** of the city followed the Jewish **rabbi** to the synagogue to hear the **renunciation** of his religious doctrines and belief.

He declared his faith in Jesus of Nazareth as the one only **Redeemer** of mankind, and to Him only he should look for redemption.

By the other rabbis he was treated as a **renegade**. Those who were **Rationalists**, expressed afterwards their wish for a **reconciliation**; but he declared that **religion** and **rationalism** were not **reconcilable**, and that repentance and faith in Christ alone could **reconcile** them.

The citadel was **razed** from its foundations, and another building **raised** in its place with **redoubled** strength and skill, the **regimental** quarters more convenient and **regular**, and the **ramifications** of the **redoubts** more intricate; the whole **revictualled** and **replenished** with food and ammunition.

The roar of the cannon **reverberated** through the

galleries, and alarmed the rowers of the Spanish gallees, who were reconnoitring, as well as the recruits, who were recreating in the roads.

The rapidity of the firing increased the reverberation and the echo. A similar phenomenon is to be heard in the vaults of the Pantheon in Paris, where the passages re-echo the sounds, made by striking a gong, which is followed by a repetition of similar sounds.

LESSON LVI.

The effect of the sun's rays on the swamp was to raise a vapour.

At the restoration, efforts were made to entrap and punish the regicides, as those were called who had shared in the trial of Charles I. in 1649.

The revolution had brought much rascality to the surface; but many of the regicides were notable for their respectability and honour.

The resignation of Richard Cromwell was the signal for a renewal of the Stuart claims: the reaction after the rigidity and stiffness of Puritan rule, added to the reverence for monarchy, an inherent in Englishmen, made the resuscitation of monarchy possible.

Charles II. had a memory retentive of enmities, but not ready to remember favours received. This, and his rapacity for money to spend in licentious and riotous living, reacted strongly against him.

He made wry faces at the rye bread of the Russian soldiers.

The joints of the rabbit hutch were rabbetted together strongly, and it was fitted up without regard to expense, or reference to the tenants.

His reverence the priest made no reference to the confession of the criminal, whose conduct had been so reprehensible; but, until the reprieve came, he repeated his visits hourly.

He bore very calmly the reproaches of the prosecutor, and reprov'd him for showing a spirit of retaliation and revenge.

It is not safe to roam about the streets of Rome after dark, as robberies and assassinations are common, and detection or restitution almost impossible: not rarely the police and the robbers are either identical, or in league with each other.

LESSON LVII.

The root of a plant is called the radicle, while an advanced politician is called a radical.

A radish is a spring plant of a reddish colour, with rough leaves and a hot flavour.

The recorder saw that the registrar was using raillery and ridicule, where argument and judgment were required.

The reputation of the state of Pennsylvania was endangered by the repudiation of its liabilities, and a refusal to pay its debts. The money was receivable long before the obligations were really met.

The risibility of an audience is easily excited; the same orator will move them to laughter and to tears, shewing that there is but small space between the sublime and the ridiculous.

Patience and resignation render afflictions lighter, while a rebellious and resentful spirit gives them redoubled force.

The respiration, to be healthy, should be regular: rapidity and sluggishness are equally to be regretted and deplored. A steady pulse is requisite, to all engaged in delicate operations, and is a sign of a well regulated and temperate life.

Occasionally we have to acknowledge the receipt of a remittance, of which we never expected to be the recipients or receivers, when a bankrupt is so fortunate as to be able to reimburse his creditors, and so

free himself from moral as well as legal responsibility.

Other cases have occurred, in which persons who have robbed their employers, have made restitution in a righteous manner.

The rajah refused to ratify the treaty unless his retainers received some remuneration for their services, but readily agreed to do so when reminded that his word was given.

The renegade, who had become a pervert to Romanism, became soon anxious for re-admission into the church: the recollection of his previous relinquishment was ever after one of his most painful and humiliating reminiscences.

LESSON LVIII.

The rhapsodies and false rhetoric which had attracted him, appeared in their true light, with constant recurrence.

A treaty of mutual reciprocity exists between France and England, which recognizes the advantage of free trade and reciprocal exchanges, and rationally allows the interchange of commercial relations with the least possible restraint.

At the recommendation of the rear-admiral, he gave many recitations and rehearsals of marine stories and poetry, to which the rough seamen paid the most reverent attention.

The reiteration of good principles is necessary to prevent rogues from inculcating and spreading their roguery everywhere.

Unceasing repetition is the principle of some instructors.

The recruiting sergeant suffered much from rheumatism, which he had caught while roaming about in his early days. He could obtain little relief for it, being constantly on the route from place to place,

while **rest** was needed to enable the **regimental surgeon** to **root out** the disease.

To **relieve** the wants of the fatherless and the widow, is an acceptable service to Him who went about doing good.

Some metals are **reducible** more easily than others ; lead is **reduced** to a fluid state with little heat, while platinum **requires** an extraordinary amount of heat.

Water is stored in **reservoirs** for towns and cities, and gas is **reserved** in great **receptacles** called **gasometers**.

The balance sheet of the bankrupt being unsatisfactory, he was **re-committed** to prison, and **remained** there six months.

The daily **routine** of the settler's duty included the **rooting out** of the **roots** of trees, and **removing** the rubbish from the land.

When he began to spend his time with **revellers**, he **retrograded** instead of advancing, and his **retrogression** ended in ruin.

LESSON LIX.

The monkey climbed up the **rigging** of the vessel in his **roguish** way, affording real amusement to the **rugged** sailors, the **roughest** of whom could scarcely hold the **rudder**, as he **roared** with laughter.

The **rudiments** of most sciences should be learned in youth, that one may have a **relish** for intellectual recreations.

The flag of the regiment had been shot to **ribbons**, and was like a **ragged** handkerchief ; but the men were **radiant** with joy and pride as they **rode** rapidly along the **roads**, amid the **uproarious** acclamations which **resounded** on every side.

Much is said about the **rotation** of crops, and many kinds of artificial manure are **recommended** to farmers, but more labour, and a careful **removal** of all **remov-**

able rubbish would really be of service, and help the cultivator to realize larger profits.

The cutting down of rugged hedgerows, and a rigorous persecution of weeds would be an advantage.

Lines ending in similar syllables, are said to be rhyme; but the metre or cadence of poetry is called rhythm.

Many riddles are written in rhyme: hoar frost is also sometimes called rime.

The roseate hue of the fruit concealed the rottenness which surrounded the core; so, many, who appear righteous to the eye of man, are wicked in the sight of God. After the resurrection, at the last great day of retribution, all those who practice hypocrisy, will be revealed in their real colours; but their condition will no longer be retrievable.

No one in the realm of France is more reserved and reticent than the Emperor Napoleon.

LESSON LX.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, is the fourth commandment.

The Jews had a Sabbatical year, the seventh, as well as the Sabbath day.

The repentant Ninevites sat in sackcloth and ashes, when told that the salvation of the city and people depended on their repentance.

Sacrifices and sacrificial offerings are of very ancient date. Among the Jews a lamb was sacrificed morning and evening in the Temple.

Any interference with religious service is termed sacrilege. Pompey the Great sacrilegiously sacrificed a sow in the holy of holies at Jerusalem.

Many remarkable escapes have occurred through the sagacity of dogs; elephants are also very sagacious animals.

The sailor was reckoned to be a good sailer of

boats, and was often occupied in fishing for **salmon** and **sardines**.

Saltpetre is an essential element of gunpowder. The followers of Peter the Hermit would have effected more with its aid.

The **scenery** of **Sicily** and **Sardinia** is very beautiful, but not equal to **Switzerland**, which abounds in **splendid scenes**.

The air on its hills is **salubrious** enough, but not in its valleys, though **scrambling** up its slopes tends to the **salubrity** of travellers.

It was natural that I should **stare**, to see a **stranger** **standing** on my **staircase**; and I was afraid, moreover, lest he should **steal** my **sword** with the **steel scabbard**.

He remained **stationary**, pretending that he wanted to **sell stationery**, though it was evidently only part of a **scheme** of **plunder**.

LESSON LXI.

The **secretary** was presented with a **silver salver** for his valuable **services**, and **successful** efforts to start the company, whose **screw steamers** now sailed in all climes, having for sale, not only **sail-cloth** and **soda**, but also **silks** and **satins**, **sarsaparilla** and **gum sandarach**, **sulphur**, **sugar**, **shawls**, **shoes**, **scissors**, **shell-lac**, and **spermaceti**.

Some **Turkish swords** are called **scimitars**, and, being made of finely-tempered **steel**, are worth large sums of money.

Samphire is a plant which grows on the rocks near **Sandwich** and other **cinque** ports on the southern coast, and is eaten pickled.

The **sheriff** raised the **salary** of his gardener for the **success** he met with in growing **celery**. He was afterwards **sorry** for it, as his **servant** squandered it foolishly in **sherry**.

A **sanguinary** struggle between the states of Ame-

rica continued four years without **sign** of cessation. It began by the **secession** of the **Southern States**, who settled to found another republic on the basis of **slavery**.

It is **sad** to see war at any time, but **sadder** when the **strife** is between brothers, and the **soil** is saturated with their blood.

It has been embittered by **scurrilous** scribblers on both sides.

A **sceptic** is an unbeliever, while a **sceptre** is carried by princes; a **schedule** is a list of prices, or of names, and **soiree**, an evening party, from the French **soir**, an evening.

LESSON LXII.

The moon is a **satellite** or attendant on the earth, and all the primary planets have their **satellites**.

Religion is the best **safeguard** against vice and **scepticism**, and the **services** of the **sanctuary** are a **sure source** of **strength**. David says, "The Lord send thee help from the **sanctuary**, and **strengthen** thee out of **Zion**."

In former times every monastery and church in England could give **sanctuary** and **safety** to any persons **seeking** it, even though criminal.

The **sapphire** and **sardonyx** are precious stones mentioned in **Scripture**. The **sapphire** is of a fine blue, and found in the East Indies, while the **sardonyx** is flesh coloured, with **stripes** or bands across it.

The Jewish **sanhedrim**, or great council, consisted of **seventy**, supposed to be the most **sapient**, or wisest of the people, but often **sanctimonious** only in appearance, and not in **spirit**.

Against these **senators**, including Pharisees, **Sadducees**, and **scribes**, our Blessed Saviour was always most **severe**. To these alone was he **sarcastic** and **satirical**, speaking to them as "Serpents, and a gene-

ration of vipers, and as sepulchres full of all filthiness and sinfulness."

He scattered blessings on every side, to Jew and Samaritan; even the poor Syrophenician woman was relieved.

The most scrupulous could find no fault in him, while the most subtle and cunning were no match for him.

LESSON LXII.

A sanatorium is a place for the improvement of health: sanitary regulations are to regulate and ventilate buildings, and to prevent nuisances in society.

Property is more easily saleable when healthfully situated, several epidemics having been distinctly traced to situations where the soil is damp, and the houses ill-drained.

The Americans, who smoke and chew tobacco in immense quantities, secrete very much saliva, and are very sallow in complexion, especially in the Southern States.

In the savannahs of America are many saline springs, round which deer congregate to lick the salt, and are shot by hunters.

The scholar plods his weary way to school—scholastic exercises a bore, and his satchel of school books a heavy burden.

The sedentary occupation wearies him, and he sighs for emancipation, when he can satisfy his desires to stroll about with school boys of his own size.

In the large tombs of Egypt are found stone coffins, or chests, called sarcophagi; singular, sarcophagus.

Esop satirizes flatterers by introducing a satyr, who blows his soap when hot, and his fingers when cold; but such satire seldom takes effect.

The sawyer, having satisfied his appetite with sau-

sages, and slaked his thirst to satiety, had the sauciness to solicit something to spend the next day.

LESSON LXIV.

Scientific researches are of great importance to trade and commerce, since many operations in trade depend on science for their successful development.

Chemistry is of special importance in the manufacture of many articles.

The defeated candidate petitioned against the successful one. Scrutineers were appointed, who summoned witnesses, and scrutinized the several votes with a searching scrutiny. The evidence was of a scandalous nature, showing bribery without the shadow of secrecy, so that the defender was unseated.

The scarcity of seamen resulted from the mania for gold-digging. The shipping was useless, and might as well have been scuttled, as they could not leave their stations without sailors.

The plant which bears sloes, is of very slow growth, and the fruit, like the sorrel, has a very sour taste.

The stone-mason fell from the scaffold, and scarcely received a scratch; but his shoulder was slightly sprained.

By his skill in sculpture, he subsequently became one of the most eminent sculptors of the age.

The shrill scream of the shells was heard incessantly at the siege of Sebastopol, as they passed from side to side, until they burst, scattering scintillations of fire around.

In some countries, as Holland, storks act as scavengers, stalking along by the canal sides; and any person who should destroy one, is fined a sum of money, This is a security against their wanton destruction.

LESSON LXV.

In South Africa, a bird, called the **secretary bird**, destroys **snakes** and other noxious reptiles: it has a powerful beak, but is of a **scraggy** and awkward appearance.

The disease called **scrofula** gives a **scorbutic** appearance to the **skin**, from which **sensitive** persons shrink.

Sectarian practices are as much opposed to the success of the Gospel on the one hand, as **secularism** on the other.

The shoals of herrings were accompanied by a few soles, and all that were taken, were sold together in sieves.

The supply of fish was very **seasonable**, as the Indian **sachem**, or chief, declared that his wigwam was empty.

The young soldier swerved from his duty, and obtained a blot on his **scutcheon** instead of a line on the scroll of fame.

The sleeves of his coat were so thin, that the rain passed through them like a sieve, washing out all the **saffron** colour.

The young **Syrian**, scion of a royal race, had been sent to see Mount **Sion**, and, being put on the wrong scent by some **sappers** and miners, missed his way.

Being a **sensible** fellow, he followed some **straggling** sheep until he found their **shepherd**, who was very **serviceable** to him, showing the nearest way, which, though surrounded by obstacles, he succeeded in keeping, until he stood on the very path from which he had strayed.

LESSON LXVI.

The sympathy of the sovereign was excited for the sufferers, and substantial relief was supplied to them,

not only in sustenance, but clothing, and similarly in other respects.

Many were susceptible of the deepest gratitude, and, at the suggestion of the surgeon, they signified the same in writing.

The sheriff and the stipendiary magistrate solicited the secretary of state to supply separate statistics for each shire; but the reply was, that it would be sheer nonsense.

The parties soliciting, said it was stinginess, and resolved to stimulate some of the senators in the succeeding session of parliament to seize every chance of securing a favourable settlement of the question.

This course was followed in subsequent parliaments, until success attended their sedulous efforts.

Septennial parliaments were settled in the reign of William III.; but they seldom continue more than five years—a period more satisfactory than any shorter would be.

The symphony was remarkable for its simplicity, as well as singularity, but was quite superficial, and had nothing of the superiority of others by the same composer.

Superstition and a belief in the supernatural are synonymous terms; both are symptomatic of mental darkness, ignorance, and stupidity.

LESSON LXVII.

The sediment at the bottom of sugar casks is called molasses, or treacle, and is a kind of syrup, or sirop.

The serenity of the atmosphere was suddenly and seriously interrupted by a sirocco, or wind storm, common in North Africa, and which is called also the simoom.

Its danger was increased by the sterile and sandy nature of the soil.

The sensitive camels seemed to have sniffed it from

afar, as they tried to screen themselves from its effects by hiding their nostrils in the sand, while the situation of the travellers was gloomy enough, and solitary in the extreme.

Among the Romans, sedition and seditious speeches were punishable with death, and treated with the greatest severity.

Some ancient philosophers were called stoics, and practised stoicism, teaching that the practise of virtue was the sum of duty.

Seminary is usually applied to a school, because the seed of learning is sown there, from the Latin semen, seed.

A semi-circle contains 180 degrees, and a semi-diameter is the same as the radius of a circle—semi meaning half.

The seizure of the smuggled cargo ruined the smuggler. He was summarily dealt with; his subordinates were severely reprimanded, and dismissed, but would not utter a syllable against their superior, who had succeeded in winning their regard.

LESSON LXVIII.

A system of swindling had been carried on successfully for several years. Some members of the gang made large sums of money; but their misconduct was systematic as well as their swindling, and led to their suppression.

They lived sumptuously—had always a superfluity of jewellery, and a superabundance of fine clothes.

They had lived in several chief cities successively, shifting from one to another, as suspicion began to be excited, and always making sufficient money to pay their way.

The subterranean passages of the castle were stopped, as a soldier was said to have been suffocated therein by swallowing carbonic acid gas, which caused

a suspension of respiration, and so spoiled his expedition.

The superintendent of the synagogue was a wealthy rabbi, whose suavity of demeanour, and simplicity of character, made him most suitable for such a situation.

He was often surrounded by suppliants, who sought from him means of support with stubborn persistency, and who needed a subtle, but benevolent almoner.

Among them were sluggards, slothful men who preferred supplication to labour, and spendthrifts who had wasted their substance with riotous living, and thought no stratagem too base, if they could succeed in acquiring the means of satisfying their appetites.

LESSON LXIX.

The Hebrew prophets were sometimes called seers, and a leaf in autumn is said to be "a sear and yellow leaf."

The elder of two is the senior, and an Italian is called signor; but seniority does not always secure superiority.

What happens every six years is called sexennial, from the Latin sex.

When sentences are short, the style is called sententious, and the effect is more striking.

A simple sentence contains only one subject, or nominative case.

The sentinel, full of suspicion, seeing an object in motion, fired: it fell senseless, and, what seemed to be a stray hog, was discovered to be a Seneca Indian in disguise.

He had separated himself from his band to assassinate the sentries, and the separation was his own destruction.

There is a great similarity between the Spanish and Portuguese languages, showing that both have sprung from one root.

Syringe is only another name for the common **squirt**, while a **syphon** is a bent tube for discharging liquids.

Much suffering from thirst is prevented in South Africa by the abundance of **succulent** plants, like the cactus.

Without such excellent substitutes for water, the animals would often **succumb**, or die, as the grass and smaller plants are dried to **stubble**, while the soft and juicy flesh of **succulent** plants is **suitable** food.

A similar phenomenon is observable in other hot climates, where God has kindly provided the **cocoanut** milk, the **Pulo Vacca**, or cow tree, and the **sugar** cane.

LESSON LXX.

One sees good reason why they should seize **smugglers** and **pirates**, who **scour** the seas, and are a **scourge** to honest sailors.

Scenes of horrid bloodshed have been seen on board such pirate vessels, when innocent persons, and even females, have been **slaughtered** by the wretches. Some of them have blown up their ships rather than **surrender**.

The scenery of **Switzerland** is of surpassing beauty.

The style of writing in the last century was more **sentimental** than at present, and many books, once popular, seem to us full of **stupidity**, instead of **sublimity**.

To talk of **shearing** sheep in winter, is sheer nonsense: the shearers always choose a warm summer day.

Sheep and all the cud-chewing animals are **gregarious**, while beasts of prey are usually **solitary** and **silent**.

During the war there were frequent **skirmishes** and

great slaughter; corpses lay stiffening without sepulchres, and, in the sequel, neither side derived advantage from the struggle, but were severally great losers.

The artist was greatly chagrined at losing his colours and pencils in their shagreen case, though he had but a shadowy notion of the place where he lost them.

He had strolled through the sequestered glens and sombre shades of Sherwood forest.

He made some spirited and skilful sketches of the splendid scenery, and the sinuous course of the river in its serpentine windings, as it slowly made its way to the sea through the see of Chester.

LESSON LXXI.

The spacious museums of Rome and Naples are filled with statues and statuettes, besides bronzes and other things, many of which are supposed to be spurious.

This supposition arises from the fact, that, though many are purchased, their places are soon supplied with others, similar in character and appearance, and shrewdly suspected to be manufactured for the purpose by statuaries.

The silliness of the antiquity seekers makes such skilful imitation profitable, and it is a significant circumstance, that English people are always the keenest buyers.

The scythe was a common weapon among the ancient Britons, and was fixed on the wheels of the chariots.

The supremacy of the pope was a source of contention in England in the eleventh century: all arts and means, surreptitious as well as open, were exercised to secure it.

Everything was made subservient to the papacy so

long as England was **submissive** to the Catholic religion.

Sundry solemn councils and conclaves were held to strengthen the **spiritual** tyranny under which men were held, when **superstition** and **servility** held the place of intelligence and freedom.

When metal types are fixed, they are said to be **stereotyped**, from **stereos**, solid.

An instrument for trying the lungs is called a **stethoscope**, and a glass which causes objects to appear solid, is the common **stereoscope**.

LESSON LXXII.

Solubility is the quality which many substances possess, of being **dissolved** in water or other liquids. Some are **soluble** only in alcohol or other strong liquids.

Society owes much to the **steady** scientific labours of its **studious** chemists and electricians.

To these we owe not only the immense improvements in agriculture, but the **social** and commercial advantages arising from telegraphic communications.

By attention to the latter, notice is received of approaching **storms** and **squalls**, **shipping** saved, and **shipwreck** prevented; public funds are **steadied**, and speculation hindered.

The **sincerity** of the man's opinions was ascertained by the fact that he resigned his office, which was a **sinecure**, and subsequently suffered many **sorrows**.

Our joints are **suppled**, or moistened, by a joint oil called **synovia**, the presence of which prevents stiffness.

The **suffusion**, or escape, of this causes serious trouble, and sometimes destroys the **symmetry** of the sufferer.

The **sacrifice** of a lamb and other animals was only

a symbol of the great atonement of Jesus our Saviour, of which all other sacrifices are symbolic.

The chief priest of Japan has supreme power in the country, and governs with stringent strictness and severity.

Jules Gerard, the famous lion-hunter, was drowned while swimming the Jong, one of the African rivers, usually shallow, but then swollen.

He was endeavouring to search out the nature and productions of the hill country of Northern Guinea, but was stripped of everything by the natives several times, and was on his return to Sierra Leone when drowned.

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LESSON LXXIII.

The statutes at large are a body of laws, made in successive ages; they form a great series, or summary, of enactments.

The steamer had several shipwrights, who had been taken on shipboard to supersede some who, being destitute of sobriety and steadiness, had nearly shipwrecked the vessel.

The stateliness of many wild animals disappears when in captivity, and they become sullen and snappish.

The squirrel is remarkable for its nimbleness, and seems to be more sociable, when in society, than other small animals.

After the severities of a Siberian winter, the ground seldom becomes softened to any great depth: the soil is sterile and unproductive, and the situation of mankind very dreary.

Russians are often banished thither, who have been suspected of, or detected in, any political squabbles.

They seldom escape, with the most earnest solicitations on their behalf. Severity is one natural feature of despotism.

The Mahometan, on entering his mosque, or place of worship, leaves his slippers outside, surpassing other religious people in reverence for the sacred building and its sanctities.

A summons to the foreign ambassador was sent by the submarine telegraph, as the symptoms of a rebellion were seen on both banks of the Seine, and the soldiery were held in readiness for service, as well as all the serviceable artillery.

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#### LESSON LXXIV.

George I. sank speechless, and died suddenly in Hanover of a spasmodic attack of heart disease, and was succeeded by George II.

Against this malady there is no specific remedy.

By a strange and foolish arrangement, in some counties clubs are formed to kill sparrows, which, as naturalists say, certainly do more good than harm.

This has been proved by specimens which have been shot, and whose crops have been found filled with caterpillars and grubs.

The fluid which we call spittle, or saliva, is secreted by the salivary glands, which are situated in the cheeks.

Edward the Martyr was stabbed in the back by order of his step-mother Elfrida, as he stooped at her house to drink. She wished her son Ethelred to reign in his stead.

He fell from his horse, when stabbed, his foot was caught in the stirrup, and, being drawn over the stony ground, was killed.

His successor Ethelred was seriously troubled by the inroads of the Danes, whom he bribed to go away, and by that means secured their return.

By his supercilious conduct he alienated his friends, and by a subtle scheme to massacre the Danes, he

brought down their vengeance on his people and kingdom.

Many Danes who had settled, or were sojourners in England, were thus simultaneously destroyed: the land resounded with their shrieks and the shrill curses and threatenings of the survivors.

A squadron of ships, laden with seafaring Danes, soon arrived, and inflicted summary and terrible punishment on the English.

The shape of the earth and other planets is spherical. The earth is said to be an oblate spheroid.

The foliage of the shrubs was shrivelled up by the heat.

The Australian savage squeezed his body through a hole in the screen, and stole the strawberries off a stool.

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#### LESSON LXXV.

The professor, who had taught seventeen sessions, died in the seventieth year of his age.

His signature was appended to the certificates of students, who had signalized themselves in many struggles for success, and whose energy had been strengthened by his stimulating encouragement and advice.

Many of the parties in the shabby cavalcade straggled from the ranks, affording a spectacle of irregularity as well as shabbiness.

The proper arrangement of words and sentences is called syntax, and words which have the same meaning, are called synonymous.

When two or more events occur at the same time, we call it a synchronism, from sun, together, and chronos, time.

Sycamore trees abounded in Palestine, as we learn from the history of Solomon, who ruled with signal

power over the region from the Great Sea to the Euphrates.

Henry II. is said to have died from a surfeit of lampreys. A fever supervened, under the influence of which his health succumbed.

The supplement was necessary to the cyclopedia, as science and scientific research had made such progress.

The subscribers to the supplement were as numerous as to the original edition, and the book had many sub-divisions.

The Subjunctive Mood in grammar is denoted by the word *if*.

The suffrages of many of the electors were obtained by subtility and craftiness, and would not have been so, had the electors gone supperless to bed.

The Parthenon was a splendid structure dedicated to Minerva.

The submission of the Scotch was made almost too late to prevent their extermination by Edward I.

Stammering and stuttering are sometimes caused by hurried speaking as well as nervousness.

A syllogism is a logical form of speech.

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#### LESSON LXXVI.

A ton weighs twenty hundredweights, or 2240 lbs., but a tun is a wine measure of 252 gallons.

The tongue is an unruly member, and is hard to govern.

The Jewish tabernacle was a large tent, which could be taken to pieces, and which measured one hundred cubits in length, and fifty in breadth.

Its inner portion, called the holy of holies, contained the tables of stone, and the glory which accompanied the Israelites through all their wanderings.

Tambour is the French for a drum : it is applied in England to wool work stretched on a circular frame of wood.

Some timber is much tougher than other, and among the toughest may be mentioned our tough old oak.

Through all the changing scenes of life, a thorough trust in Providence, and a thoughtful conscientiousness are needed.

The tortoise and turtle are somewhat similar in shape: both are covered with a hard tegument or shell; but the tortoise lives on the land, or in fresh water, while the turtle is a marine animal.

During the whole of their thralldom or slavery, their hearts were throbbing with indignation against the traitor who had betrayed them, and now triumphed in his treason.

A treatise might be written on the treaties which have been made and broken by treacherous allies.

Some have been tempted by the bait of treasure, or some increase of temporal power—so great is the temptation of territorial aggrandisement.

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### LESSON LXXVII.

The holy scriptures were transcribed in former times by monks or scribes, and the transcript was so faithful, that every jot and tittle, that is, every little mark, was copied with scrupulous exactness.

At the close of the tedious and troublesome war, the people joined in a *Te Deum* of praise to God, who had released them from the tedium and tribulation by which they had been so long tortured.

To the terrible commotion of war, succeeded profound tranquillity.

History is sometimes published in a tabular form, with dates and places.

The talents of the tactician were tacitly acknowledged, though his manœuvres and tactics were not in accordance with the technical plans of other military men.

The results were too **tangible**, to give **theory** and **theoretical** plans the victory.

**Tapestry** was formerly woven by ladies, who taught their daughters and servants to assist them: it is often seen in old palaces and houses with huge **tassels**.

The **tails** of small animals are sewn on furs by **tailors**, while merry **tales** are being told by their companions.

**Tartaric acid** and **carbonate of soda** make a pleasant drink; but you must not **tarry** in mixing it, or it will spoil.

Great **tattlers** are in danger of becoming **tautologists**, because they are liable to repeat the same words often, which is called **tautology**.

The increase of **trade**, after the new **tariff**, allowed the chancellor to decrease **taxation**.

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LESSON LXXVIII.

The skin, or covering of any body, is called a **tegument**.

Messages are sent quickly by **telegraph**, which means to write at a distance.

Excavators and railway labourers have many **temptations** to forsake **temperance**, and often have little money left at the **termination** of their weekly labour. Many of them hold to their dissipated habits with great **tenacity**, and incur danger with **temerity**.

The **tenements** which many poor people inhabit, would **terrify** many fine ladies and gentlemen; in hovels too small for two persons, whole families are known to exist.

The world is called a **terraqueous globe**, because composed of (**terra**) earth, and (**aqua**) water; and sometimes a **terrestrial sphere**.

A dog which burrows under the earth for prey, is called a **terrier**, while the inheritance of a landowner is called his **territorial property**.

The last will of any person is called a **testament**, and must be testified or witnessed by two others, as well as the testator.

Testimonials should be given only when well deserved.

A Roman **tetrarch** governed the fourth part of a country.

The people **tease** the grocer because he sells bad **teas**.

The texture of the **taffeta** was very much admired.

The first government of the Jews was a **theocracy**, of which God (**Theos**) was the head.

A discourse about God, or religion, is called **theology** for a similar reason.

The **theodolite** is an instrument used in land surveying and levelling, but a **thermometer** is a measurer of heat.

LESSON LXXIX.

Theatrical amusements are dissipating in tendency.

The thief was seen by the policeman, who seized him by the **thorax**, or **throat**, and prevented his exercising his **thievish** propensities for **thirteen** weeks, during which he was held in **thraldom** by the prison authorities.

The **thatcher** and the **thresher** wear **threadbare** coats, though the **thermometer** is at freezing point, and the cold severe.

The **tempest** threatened to destroy the tree on which was placed the **thrush's** nest containing the young **thrushes** and their **throbbing** mother.

As the door opened, the **thunder** pealed, and with a thrill of horror, the youth recrossed the **threshold** of the theatre.

Around the Bay of Naples, the houses rise by **thousands**, tier above tier; but this outward magnificence hides many **tears**.

The enemy of man sows tares among the wheat, and remorse for sin tears the conscience of his victims. Only the Holy Spirit of God can thwart his efforts.

A threefold cord is not easily broken.

The hare is noted for its timidity; so we say, as timorous as a hare.

The preacher was said to be tinctured with heresy by those who clung tightly and with tenacity to Bible doctrines.

The toad is believed by many country people to be poisonous; but this is a fallacy, together with many similar stories.

Toleration is allowing to be done by others what we do not do ourselves. It is especially applied to religion, and Popish countries have generally been distinguished by want of it.

LESSON LXXX.

The tomahawk is a common weapon among Indian savages.

The tonnage of a vessel is its capacity to carry freight.

Topography is the description of places, from topos, a place.

Mountain torrents abound in mountainous countries; but their course is frequently tortuous, or winding, and they are totally unfit for navigation and commerce.

In the latter part of the middle ages, tournaments were held, in which armed men fought as an amusement.

Henry II. of France was killed at such a tournament in 1559.

He was wounded in the eye by the spear of the Count de Montgomery, and died after great torture.

The count was treated as a traitor by the king's family, and this accident as a transgression.

The Jews relied more on tradition than on the Holy Scriptures, and surrounded their disciples with the trammels of superstition.

Solomon says, "The way of transgressors is hard."

The tragedian produces transcendent effect by imitations of passion and emotion, and their transmission to his audience.

Transparencies are now very common in illuminating.

Treasonable transactions generally lead to tribulation, and treachery is at all times detestable.

We must forgive the trespasses of others, if we would be forgiven.

The fire bell was tolled with tremendous force, which told the circumstance to the neighbourhood.

Many trophies of ancient battles were destroyed, such as banners, shields, and other arms.

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LESSON LXXXI.

Triennial, or three year parliaments are advocated by some politicians, on the ground that the present septennial, or seven year, are too long.

The diadem of the Pope is a triple crown.

A word with three syllables is called a trisyllable, and a syllable with three vowels is a triphthong.

Trigonometry is the science which measures angles and triangles.

Truffles are a kind of underground mushroom or fungus: they are found by dogs called truffle hunters.

In tropical climates there is no twilight or 'tween-lights, as the sun sinks directly below the horizon, and it is dark.

The turquoise is a handsome blue stone found in Persia, where it is very much worn as an ornament.

As soon as the tuition of the scholars had ceased, they burst forth with a tumultuous uproar.

The tyranny of Ferdinand II. of Austria, and the

truculent conduct of the Jesuits, destroyed multitudes of the Bohemian and Austrian people, though, as Protestants, they had been uniformly tractable and obedient.

This tyrannous conduct caused a war, which lasted thirty years, and laid waste whole provinces.

The Passover Lamb was typical of the Lord Jesus, the Divine Saviour, of whom we have another type in the serpent in the wilderness, mentioned in Numbers.

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LESSON LXXXII.

The general seemed to possess the power of ubiquity, to be in every place at once, so rapid were his movements.

The milk-vessel of the cow and other cud-chewers is called an udder.

Many things which seem ugly, when carefully examined, lose their ugliness, and appear really beautiful.

The Romans thought that North Britain was the Ultima Thule—the farthest or ultimate verge of the globe.

One of the most beautiful blue colours is ultramarine.

Flowers which bloom thickly on one stem, are called umbelliferous.

The umbrella is used in hot countries as a sunshade.

There was a feeling of thorough unanimity about the meeting, and all the resolutions were unanimous.

The labourer was unassisted in his uncommon employment.

The unassuming manners of the youth recommended him.

He left the difficult problems quite unattempted.

Unbelief is a fruitful source of sin and sorrow to men.

He came unbidden, and remained unwelcome.

The bodies of the slain lay long unburied.

His powers were underrated until this great work appeared.

He departed, accompanied by the unfeigned regret of his acquaintance.

The wicked boys took the young birds still unfledged.

With ungenerous feeling, he took advantage of an unguarded moment, and induced him to aid him in his unhallowed designs.

The gate of the sluggard is usually unhinged.

He was unworthy to wear the British uniform.

When all voices sing the same notes, it is said to be unison.

The design of the Escorial was perfectly unique.

Unitarians do not acknowledge the Divinity of Christ.

The Christian dispensation is universal in its application, since our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach."

Sebert, king of Essex, founded the university of Cambridge.

The horse, being of an unyielding temper, became unmanageable.

He contented himself with upbraiding the horse-dealer.

The carpet and curtains were supplied by an upholsterer.

The usurper was remarkable for his urbanity in society; but his usurpation was not the less unlawful.

"And the idols he shall utterly abolish."

The uvula is a fleshy projection at the back of the glottis.

LESSON LXXXIII.

There is a **vacancy** in the East India service: it has been vacant three weeks.

Vaccination has greatly diminished the virulence of smallpox.

He is said to **vacillate**, who changes his mind often and easily.

An entirely empty space is called a **vacuum**. A **vacuum** may be caused by exhausting the air, by means of an air pump.

A wandering person, a gipsy for example, is called a **vagabond**, from **vagare**, to wander.

One is said to have a **vague** notion when it is very indistinct.

Valediction is a friendly farewell, from the Latin **vale**, well, and **dico**, I say. A **valedictory** address is given to missionaries before leaving.

The **valley** was in possession of the enemy's **vanguard**. They fought with **variable** success, but secured the **vassalage**.

There was a deficiency of **vegetation** throughout the desert, which caused **vehement** sufferings to the **vagabond** tribes.

Vellum is prepared calf skin, and is used for writing on, and for bookbinding.

The momentum of any body is its weight multiplied by its **velocity**, or **swiftness**.

An archdeacon has the title **venerable**, as, the **Venerable** Archdeacon of Surrey.

Venison, or deer's flesh, requires to be kept some time before cooking.

The air was almost poisonous from want of **ventilation**.

A **ventilator** is of importance, because pure air is essential to health. The blood can be purified by pure air alone.

The blood passes from the right **ventricle** of the

heart into the pulmonary arteries through the lungs, where the oxygen of the air removes its carbon, and changes its colour.

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LESSON LXXXIV.

The **ventriloquist** made his voice appear to be in different places.

I could have doubted his **veracity**, when he said there was no one up the chimney, nor in the cupboard.

Messages of importance should be written, and not sent verbally.

**Verdigris** is the rust from copper, and is used in dyeing of a black colour. It is chiefly made by placing the husks of grapes between plates of copper, and the acid rusts the plates.

For **verification** of this statement, go to Montpelier, France.

The Italians and French eat quantities of **vermicelli**, which is paste rolled into a wormlike form, and dried.

**Vermilion** is formed by heating mercury with sulphur.

Upright or perpendicular lines are called **vertical**; and any one who has swimming in the head, suffers from **vertigo**. This frequently arises from the **vessels** being too full of blood.

The **vexation** of the traveller was great at seeing the **vestibule** of the temple broken down, while the vibration of some of the ruins showed that a violent shake would bring them down.

The **viceroy** breakfasted at the **vicarage** before the ceremony.

The sacrifice of Jesus is called a **vicarious** sacrifice, because he undertook it in the place of others.

In the **vicinity** of churches and palaces, the **vicious** often abound.

The **vicissitudes** of life often drive them into the

dark places, which are found in the shadow of great buildings.

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LESSON LXXXV.

The English were victorious at Agincourt, A.D. 1415, just 400 years before the victory at Waterloo.

The innkeeper who provides victuals for people as well as drink, is called a licensed victualler (pr. vittaller).

The enemy's vidette, or sentinels, were placed so as to view our camp, and made our men vigilant, expecting a vigorous attack.

The villanous talebearer vilified all the villagers by his stories.

The flavour of the grape is said to be a vinaceous flavour.

The vindication of the villagers was complete, in spite of the vindictive talebearer.

One twenty-sixth part of France consists of grape vineyards, which, though bare all the winter, show their viridity, or greenness, in the spring.

The virtuous alone are truly happy, for virtue is its own reward.

The heart, lungs, and other internal parts, are called the viscera.

The eldest son of an earl is termed a viscount, and ranks next to an earl.

The world, and the bodies of the solar and stellar systems, form what is called the visible creation of God.

When a man's opinions are not likely to be realised, they are called visionary notions, and he is called a visionary.

A common verdict of juries is, "Died by the visitation of God."

The visual organs of the mole are so small, that some have called it blind. The mole and bat have both keen visual organs.

Vitality appears to dwell in the roots of trees, as they are often cut down to the roots, and spring up again.

LESSON LXXXVI.

When the same atmosphere has been breathed several times, it is said to be vitiated, and this vitiation is poisonous.

Intense heat will vitrify sand, so as to make it like glass. Glass is made from sand and soda, vitrified by heat.

Sulphuric acid, a compound of sulphur and oxygen, is called also vitriol.

His vivacity of character prevented his heeding the vituperations of his enemies. He met them all in a vivacious spirit.

A very clear and vivid representation of actions is made by some pictures.

Animals which suckle their young, are called viviparous.

The grand vizier ordered a vocabulary of the Turkish language to be formed, including the words usually vociferated by the street criers, and the slang terms then in vogue.

Many of the South Sea islands are of volcanic origin, having been thrown up by volcanoes from the bottom of the ocean.

An act of the will is called a volition, or a willing.

The records of the state paper office are very voluminous—volumen being the origin of volume, a roll, as manuscripts were rolled up in ancient times.

Volunteers are the voluntary and unconstrained servants of the country.

Many wealthy Asiatics lead voluptuous lives, and spend their whole time in pleasure.

The mole, though small, is one of the most voracious

cious of animals, and, if two are shut up together, their voracity leads one to kill and eat the other.

The vowels are those letters which can be sounded without the aid of others.

Whatever can be wounded, is vulnerable. Achilles was vulnerable, or woundable, only in the heel.

Vultures differ from eagles in eating carrion: eagles will only eat what they kill.

All foxes are said to be of vulpine race, from vultes, a fox.

LESSON LXXXVII.

Wadding is used for padding clothes, and many similar purposes.

The swan, duck, and most other water birds waddle when on land.

Waggery is only another name for silly trifling, with small wit in it.

Before the time of William III., carriages were little, if any, better than waggons: this word is sometimes spelt with one g, as wagon.

The captain waived his hand to the pilot, as his boat danced away over the waves of the channel.

There was a loud wailing in Egypt when the angel of death smote the firstborn.

The blubber of the whale was swollen in thick wales where the harpoon struck it.

We must be careful not to waste anything, for nearly every worn-out substance can be usefully employed.

In the last century, ladies wore dresses with short waists.

We could scarcely see Charles's wain, for the moon was on the wane.

The wallet of the beggar was well filled with broken victuals.

The best kinds of fruits are grown on walls, and called wall fruit.

The hog and other thick-skinned animals are accustomed to wallow in the mire, sometimes in the wantonness of play, but often to keep off stinging insects.

The magistrate issued his warrant, and the warren was arrested for taking rabbits from the warren without warrant or permission.

LESSON LXXXVIII.

The warriors of Harold II. feasted and drank deeply from the wassail bowl the night before the battle of Hastings.

The duty of the sentinel on the watch-tower requires great watchfulness, which to wealthy people would be extremely wearisome.

The barometer, or weather-glass, is useful, whether we are at sea, or on land.

In Eastern cities, visitors to a wedding put on a wedding garment.

Wednesday is so named from Wodin, the Scandinavian idol.

By the weighing machine at the wharf, you see a way by which a whole wey of corn can be weighed at one time.

The wharfinger thinks little of the weightiness of the goods.

The wheelwright acted rightly in refusing to paint over the rotten wheels, as it might have caused an accident, whenever the vehicle passed over a rough way.

We could not see whereabouts the wherry was lying, because the fog was so thick; but we could hear the whimper of the hounds which were tied in it.

The whipper-in was a whimsical old fellow, and

would continue to whittle his stick, even when passing over a whirlpool.

The whole of the company were nearly upset by the wheel sinking into a hole in the ground.

All, but the Jewish high priest, were wholly restricted from entering into the holy of holies, and he only once a year, on the great day of atonement.

LESSON LXXXIX.

The widow was willing to earn her own living, but found great difficulty in winning bread for herself and children.

Those wise-acres withhold advice when it is wanted, and give it when it might as well be withheld.

Some writers are remarkable for their witticisms, like Thomas Hood, who was one of the wittiest writers of the nineteenth century.

One remarkable contrast between Christianity and heathenism is seen in the condition of women. Woman is always degraded, and compelled to hard toil among savages.

The worthiness of his cause won Luther many powerful friends.

The surgeon wound a bandage of linen round the wound of the soldier; but the wrapper made the limb hot and feverish.

The lady had hair wreathed with flowers, and each man a wreath of oak leaves around his brow.

The wreck of the ship damaged the character of the captain. The owners said the vessel would not have been wrecked, if he had not sailed out of his proper course.

The face of the old gipsy was wrinkled and dark coloured.

The wheelwright was so uneducated, he could scarcely write his own name; yet he was so upright in principle, that he would not wrong any one.

LESSON XC.

The merchants of the Mediterranean have small vessels with one mast, called **xebecks** and **feluccas**, and our noblemen and gentlemen have small vessels, called **yachts** (**yots**).

To **yawn** at a lecture or sermon, is a sign of weariness.

One of the seven primary colours is **yellow**.

The farmers of the country are sometimes called **yeomen**. The English **yeomanry** yield to none in substance and station.

A very earnest person is said to be **zealous**, and to act **zealously**.

The point immediately overhead is called the **zenith**, and opposite to it the **nadir**—the nether or lowermost.

The soft **zephyr** from the west fanned our cheeks agreeably.

The thermometer was covered with **zinc**, and was below zero.

The **zodiac** includes a space of eight degrees on each side of the ecliptic, which is the sun's apparent path in the heavens.

Many persons delight in the study of **zoology**, and frequent the **Zoological** Gardens to observe the habits of animals.

There are creatures which seem to unite the animal with the vegetable kingdom. They are called **zoo-phytes**, such as the sponge.

PART II.

SPECIAL LESSONS.

1.—WORDS ENDING IN **ance**.

An **abundance** of work is an **annoyance** to idle people.

An **acquaintance** with Latin and French is an **assistance** in learning English.

We must have **affiance** or trust in God as our Father, in **compliance** with his ordinance.

Complaisance beams from his **countenance** upon those who show **continuance** in his law.

We may, therefore, set all fear at **defiance**, and in every trouble, trust to Him for **deliverance**.

In travelling, **distance** is now of little importance.

Luggage is a small **encumbrance**, and about the expense there is little **exorbitance**.

The **entrance** to many cottages is disfigured by **nuisances**, and the inhabitants increase their own **grievances** by **intemperance**, which is a serious **hindrance** to their prosperity.

In mines and catacombs, **guidance** is required by strangers. **Instances** have occurred where, neglecting the **observance** of this precaution, travellers have been lost.

Forbearance is necessary between the kindest **acquaintances** and friends.

The power of **endurance** is as important as ability of **performance**.

The inheritance of the prodigal was squandered with the **luxuriance** of a spendthrift.

The **maintenance** of the poor in England costs

millions of money, though each receives a mere pittance for sustenance.

Any redundancy in the ordinary appliances would immensely increase the aggregate, and cause a remonstrance to be issued by the poor law board.

The predominance of ignorance among paupers generally hinders the remembrance of the evils which they had escaped, and inclines them often to the pursuance of habits of grumbling.

In his precipitance he fell down, and caused a protuberance on his countenance.

2.—WORDS ENDING IN *ence*.

Absence from school is the frequent cause of idleness.

Acquiescence in the decrees of Providence is a Christian duty.

Benevolence is feeling kindly; **beneficence** is kindly doing. We may be benevolent, when we cannot be beneficent.

A **cadence** is the fall of the voice at the end of a musical passage.

The circumference of the earth is nearly 25,000 miles.

Condolence is sympathy expressed for the sorrows of others.

A **conference** is the meeting of persons for consultation.

Conscience is an inward monitor, who warns us against sin. The Holy Spirit quickens the conscience.

Convalescence is the state of recovery after illness.

Convenience is suitability of time and purpose.

When we believe a report, we give **credence** to it.

We must pay **deference** or respect to superiors.

Religion is the best defence against the attacks of Satan.

The essence of anything is its essential or necessary part.

Existence is sometimes prolonged to ninety or one hundred years ; but experience tells that the days of our years are three score years and ten.

Expedience teaches us to do what is convenient at the time.

Impatience only adds bitterness to our trials and sorrows.

Inadvertence is only another term for carelessness.

Independence is really impossible to any being, so naturally dependent on God and others as man is.

Indolence is a fertile source of criminality and sin, "For Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

The natural inference from anything, means that the matter will bear that interpretation, and probably no other.

Intelligence would prevent such interference with justice.

The magnificence of the building was surpassed by the munificence of its owner.

Obedience is a soldier's first duty. It is essential to order.

Offences against obedience and discipline are severely punished in the army and navy.

Omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience, are attributes of God alone ; for he can do all things, be everywhere present, and see all things.

Wisdom and prudence are expected in persons of mature age.

His presence was insisted on, in spite of every pretence.

God alone possesses the power of prescience, or foreknowledge.

A reminiscence is a memory of the past.

We ought to treat the aged with respect and reverence.

Science is said to be the handmaid to religion.

Silence is necessary when lessons are being studied.

The judge passed a **sentence** on the culprit, which required his **subsistence** to be paid for at the public expense.

3.—ON **eive** AND **ieve**—i NOT SOUNDED.

Some men **achieve** greatness; others have it thrust upon them.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

The longest life is **brief** when compared with eternity.

The chief end of man is to glorify God, and to do good to his fellows.

David did not like living in **ceiled** houses, while God was worshipped in a tent.

The **fields** are clothed in spring with living green.

The estates and lands held under the feudal system, were called **fiefs**.

The misconduct of the son **grieves** the parent greatly.

Liege is an old term applied to loyal subjects.

His **mien**, or countenance, was by no means prepossessing.

Piece by piece, his property was squandered by his thriftless son.

He who **relieves** the poor, will obtain relief from God.

The prisoner hopes for a **reprieve** until the last.

It is difficult to **retrieve** a lost character.

On Mount Gilboa, "The **shield** of the mighty was vilely cast away," when Saul and Jonathan left their bodies on the battle-field.

"Then rose from sea to sky the wild farewell; then **shrieked** the timid, and stood still the brave."

"A solitary **shriek**, the bubbling cry, of some strong swimmer in his agony."

The sleeve was torn from the coat, so I had as lieve not wear it.

The seats of the Coliseum were arranged tier above tier, so that there was space in all the tiers for eighty thousand persons, but no ceiling.

The thief seldom keeps what he risks so much to thieve.

We must not yield to temptation, but seek to be strengthened against it, and relieved from it.

Unbelief is a common resource, on escaping from ignorance and superstition.

4.—ON *ei*, WITH *i* SILENT.

The ceiling of palaces is usually finely painted.

Conceit is a great drawback in young people.

It is difficult for man to conceive how a world was formed from nothing.

We may deceive man, but we cannot deceive God.

We must either serve him, or be servants of Satan, and he is always trying to inveigle us into his snares.

Many people are most busy when thought to be at leisure.

By serving him, we advance neither our present nor our future happiness, however we may be led to believe otherwise.

"I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness."

The receipt of the mails was delayed by the snow; but they were received one day after the proper time.

"Ruin seize thee, ruthless king!"

The seizure of the Confederate commissioners on board the Trent, was likely to have brought on a war.

5.—WORDS ENDING IN *ede*.

I cannot accede to your request for an extra holiday.

The noun which goes before the pronoun, *antecedes*

it, and is called the antecedent of the relative, with which it must agree.

By the treaty of Breda, the Dutch ceded New York to England.

The Stuart kings were unwilling to concede anything to their subjects.

The centipede is a venomous reptile found in hot countries.

The sands and drought impede travelling in the desert.

Jesus Christ intercedes for those who believe in Him.

The princes of royal blood precede all other nobles on state occasions.

As the invaders advance, the defenders recede.

Many of the Americans regret that they have seceded from the Union.

An officer supersedes another when he takes his command.

The velocipede will never supersede other wheel carriages.

6.—ON gh, SILENT BEFORE t.

Aught which can be bought cheaply, cannot be scarce.

The blight on the hop vines changed their bright colour to a dingy brown. I have brought some to show you.

The delight of the boy was great, when he found eight eggs in the nest.

The flight of birds was noticed by the priests in old times, who decided when to fight, or to be in a fright, by this omen.

The voyage was fraught with danger to the freight of the ship.

The height of the precipice was about eighty feet.

The knight fought his enemies in the night time, by the light of the moon, with mighty success.

We ought not to frighten those who are very young, as fear often puts them into a dangerous plight.

The right of the millwright to the water-wheel was disputed; but nought came of it, as the claim was proved to be naught.

The sight of the teacher had been slightly dimmed, and he had sought a remedy in vain.

Straight lines in mathematics are called right lines.

Aristotle taught Alexander the Great many things, which he had thought out for himself.

The weight of the corn required that the fastening round the sack should be very tight.

The carpenter had wrought several days on board the queen's yacht.

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7.—WORDS CONTAINING **gn**, WITH **g** SILENT.

The property of the bankrupt was assigned to his creditors, and he was arraigned for fraudulent conduct.

The bankruptcy laws were benign in intention, their design being as much to protect the bankrupt as the creditor.

This officer was convicted of incurring debts without any prospect of payment. He was consigned to condign punishment, and only escaped from prison at the close of the campaign. But for this, instead of ensign, he might have been colonel.

Foreign intervention in domestic matters is usually a source of increased complication, as the motives of the intruder are liable to be impugned.

The influence of continued rain in hot seasons is usually malign, as fevers commonly result, and poignant suffering and grief are the consequence.

The sovereign finds great difficulty in resigning herself to her widowhood. She never neglects to attend to business, and to sign all that is required notwithstanding her unfeigned grief.

The Sultan of Turkey is sometimes called the Grand Seignior.

Deign not to listen to malign whisperings.

The rat gnawed a hole in the net, and the dog gnashed his teeth, when the gnat stung him.

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8.—ON h SILENT.

Ahab wanted the vineyard of Naboth to make a garden of herbs, or, as we call it, a kitchen garden.

The moist climate of Ireland is favourable to its herbage.

The heir to the crown of England is Prince of Wales.

Queen Victoria was heiress to the crown as daughter of the Duke of Kent.

Those who profess to be Christians, ought certainly to be persons of honest report.

"Honesty is the best policy."

Honour to whom honour is due.

The younger sons of an earl are called by courtesy the honourable.

We have many hospitals in England, but we need more.

The Jews had three hours of prayer; the third hour, nine o'clock in the morning; the sixth hour, noon; and the ninth hour, three o'clock.

We cannot be thankful for any blessing while in an ill humour. A thankful spirit would lead us to humility.

After the rainy season, the earth exhales noxious vapours from its decaying vegetable matter.

The tendency of fever is to exhaust the system.

At the exhibition, there were exhibitors from all parts of the world.

Let us exhort one another to love and to good works.

When a body is taken up after burial, it is said to be exhumed.

9.—WORDS ENDING IN **ue** NOT SOUNDED.

Many beautiful designs are copied from the **antique**.

An **apologue**, as a fable or moral tale, conveys instruction.

A **burlesque** is a ridiculous parody or copy of anything, and is sometimes rendered more so by the **brogue** of the actors.

A **catalogue** of books is attached to all good libraries, which is usually compiled by the librarian or his **colleagues**.

The ten commandments are frequently called the **decatalogue**.

Demosthenes was one of the 'most famous **dema-gogues** of Greece, and his **harangues** against Philip of Macedon are models of declamatory elocution.

A **dialogue** is a discourse between two persons.

An **eclogue** is a short poem on pastoral subjects.

Fatigue makes rest delightful, just as hunger gives appetite.

Grotesque figures are amusing to persons of all ages.

Intrigue is more common in diplomacy than candour and honesty, so that a **league** is not always to be relied on.

A speech by one person is called a **monologue** or **soliloquy**.

Some articles appear **opaque** only when held in an **oblique** direction.

Pedagogue was formerly the slave who led the children to school. Esop was a **pedagogue**.

The country is very **picturesque**, though some persons have a **pique** against the town.

The **prologue** is uttered before a play; after the play, the **epilogue**.

The queen seldom **prorogues** parliament in person.

The decorations of the Jewish **synagogue** rendered it **unique**, as they were not yet much in **vogue**.

10.—WORDS ENDING IN **ible**.

The eagle built its nest on **inaccessible** rocks, and its young ones sent forth cries which were **audible** in the valley.

Atmospheric air is more **compressible** than water, or any other liquid.

All old metal is **convertible** into new, by being heated in a **crucible**.

All particles of matter are **divisible**, if you have a divider small enough.

Roots and vegetables which can be eaten are called **edible**.

We should never be positive in opinion, because we are all **fallible**, and it is quite **feasible** that we should be sometimes wrong.

Sound is carried about buildings by **flexible** tubes.

Lead and zinc are much more easily **fusible** than the harder metals.

Those who are most conceited, are often most easily **gullible**.

Illegible writing is quite **incompatible** with good book-keeping.

The evidence of a perjured person is always **inadmissible**, as it is **impossible** that they can obtain **implicit** credit.

The progress of disease is often **imperceptible** to the non-professional eye.

Asbestos is an **incombustible** material called by the ancients **amiantus**.

There is much in the universe that is **incomprehensible** to **fallible** beings.

The soldier, who was found **incorrigible**, was drummed out of the regiment.

The opinions of the Christian were found **incontrovertible** by the atheist.

Many of the old stories are **incredible**, and their reading is **indefensible** on any ground.

Brutus is celebrated in Roman history for his inflexible justice and incorruptible virtue.

Matter is indestructible: its form changes, but its elements are not destroyed.

11.—WORDS ENDING IN *ible*—*continued*.

The joy of the mother was inexpressible, when her child was saved.

The material of fortifications should be infrangible, to resist cannon balls.

Anything which cannot be melted, is called infusible.

The king seemed insensible to the courage of his invincible troops—a state of mind which was hardly intelligible.

John was of an irascible temper, which was quite irrepressible after he had been compelled to sign Magna Charta; but the power of the barons was irresistible.

The theories of the philosopher were not reducible to practice.

The decrees of the Medes and Persians were irreversible.

In the Arctic regions, the sun is invisible for several weeks together.

Legible writing and correct orthography are essential in the civil service.

The parts of a bird's bill are called the upper and lower mandible.

It is hardly possible to follow the flight of the humming-bird.

When we laugh, our risible faculties are said to be excited. Levity at improper times is reprehensible.

Sensible people never defend what is in itself indefensible.

The results of the battle of Waterloo were tangible and obvious, as Napoleon was completely crushed, and Europe liberated.

The tokens of that tremendous struggle are no longer visible, though several monuments have been built on the ground.

12.—ON WORDS IN **kn, k** NOT SOUNDED.

A cheating, dishonest person is called a **knave**, from the Saxon **cnafa**.

The weight of the **knapsack** was about fifty pounds. The wainscot was of **knarled** or **knotted** oak.

While **knelling** on his **knees**, Stephen prayed for his murderers.

The Israelites, on leaving Egypt hastily, carried with them their **kneading** troughs, and the dough, scarcely **kneaded** in their haste.

The parting **knell** tells of the death of poor Nelly Gray.

A **knife** is a common cutting instrument; its plural, **knives**.

Soldiers who held lands by feudal tenure, were called **knights**, and afterwards **knighthood** was conferred for bravery in the field.

Any things closely united, are said to be **knit** together.

A rounded end was called a **knob** by the Saxons, and no one likes a **knock** with a **knobbed** stick.

A small, round-topped hill is called a **knoll**.

He grazed the skin from his **knuckles** when he fell.

13.—ON WORDS ENDING IN **l**.

Words of two or three syllables ending in l, double the final l in their derivatives.

The bell was broken as well as the bellows.

The chancellor had orders to cancel the agreement; so he cancelled it.

The angry man cudgelled the thief with his thick cudgel.

The hair of the lady was dishevelled by the wind.

The duel brought misfortune on both the duellists.

The enamel of the picture was so beautifully enamelled, that the workmanship was said to be unequalled.

The gambols of the monkey were very amusing; but he hurt himself when he gambolled on the gravel paths, which, having been newly gravelled, were very rough.

The libel spoke ill of all the friends of the libeller, as well as his enemies.

Marshal Soult marshalled his hosts in the Peninsula.

The model was beautifully modelled by the modeller, who was celebrated for his beautiful modelling.

The ground was parcelled out into allotments, and a parcel given to each villager.

The pencil of the artist had pencilled the eyebrows of the portrait.

The revelling led to a quarrel among the rivals, who, rivalling each other, kept up the revels much too long.

The traveller wrote a charming account of his travels, which was read by many who never travel.

14.—ON WORDS IN ll, WHEN COMPOUNDED.

RULE.—Words ending in ll lose one l when combined with other words; also in derivatives formed by adding ness, less, ful, or ly.

Albeit, the weather has been severe.

Already the birds begin to show that it is spring time.

"Touching the Almighty, we cannot find Him out."

St. Paul said to Agrippa, and also to his friends, "I

would to God that, not only thou, but also all who hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds."

Although we cannot always work, we must be industrious.

The slothful has not always wherewithal to supply his wants.

The belman goes his rounds with his bell to cry the reward.

The belfry has hardly space enough for the bel-ringers.

The sheep which carries the bell, is called the bel-wether.

Though full of business, he will not neglect to fulfil his duties.

Until he grew up, he never thought of his eternal welfare.

Though he had learned a bookful of spelling, his dulness prevented his being skilful.

The talness* of the youth was rendered more conspicuous by the smalness* of his limbs.

Wilful waste makes woeful want, as poor Richard says.

People are less chilly in hilly countries, because greater exertion is needed to get about, and the blood circulates more fully.

The weather was squally, though the sailors said there was not a handful of wind.

The little girls wanted a mouthful of bread and butter, and a needleful of thread.

15.—ON WORDS IN VARIOUS SOUNDS AND USES OF ough: FIRST SOUND, aw, o, oo, ow, ok, up, uf, of.

Aught which is precious, ought to be carefully guarded.

* Doubtful.

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Bought experience is **thought** to be most valuable.

The thief, **caught** in the fact, **fought** desperately to escape.

The daughter of King Pharaoh **sought** a nurse for Moses.

Paul said, "I have **fought** the good fight; I have kept the faith."

Nought that is valuable should be carelessly wrought.

We **ought** not to waste our time or **thought**.

Wrought iron is **tougher** and stronger than cast iron.

A borough holds a charter of rights and privileges.

Dough is now frequently kneaded by machinery.

"**Though** He slay me," says Job, "yet will I trust Him.

The holiday of a soldier is called a furlough.

We should learn our lessons **thoroughly**: only the knowledge that is **thorough** is of much value.

The startled deer forced his way **through** the fence.

The **bough** was so laden with fruit, that it broke off the tree.

The **plough** is a useful instrument to break up the soil, which is generally hardened by long **drought**.

Lough Neagh, in Ireland, is the largest lake in the British islands, containing 150 square miles; Loch Lomond, the largest in Scotland, 45 square miles.

In Africa, elephants are often slain by negroes, who cut through the **hough**, and prevent their running.

The **hiccough** is caused by a contraction or spasm of the stomach.

The **chough** (chuff) and crow is a favourite English glee, **chough** being the Saxon name for a sea-bird.

Always cease eating and drinking, when you have taken enough.

The skin of the rhinoceros is very rough, and it is so tough that common bullets of lead will not pierce it.

The cast-off skin of a serpent is called its slough; and the outer skin of a wound or sore is also called a slough.

A cough is caused by a spasm of the lungs or air passages.

A trough is a long and deep vessel to hold water, out of which cattle drink.

16.—ON WORDS IN ph, SOUND OF f.

A collection of sentences is called a paragraph.

The art of explaining ancient manuscripts is called paleography.

A small stitched book is a pamphlet; the writer, a pamphleteer.

A paraphrase explains an idea by changing its form.

A pentagraph is an instrument for copying plans to a scale.

The circumference or distance round a body is also its periphery.

A high, open carriage is called a phæton.

A compact body of soldiers was first called a phalanx by Philip of Macedon.

Phantom is another name for a ghost, and phantasm an embodied vision, while phantasmagoria is an optical illusion, like the magic lantern.

Pharisee was a sect of the Jews, outwardly religious, from whom pharisaical has been applied to hypocritical people in general.

Pharmacy is the art of preparing drugs in medicine.

Pharos is the Greek word for a light house, as the pharos of Rhodes.

Phasis is an appearance of the moon in its various changes.

Pheasant is a large game bird of the order gallinæ, introduced from India.

Phenomenon, a term applied to any unusual appearance.

Philanthropy, love of mankind, or general benevolence.

Philology, the study of language; **philologist**, a critical student.

Philomel, the poetical name of the nightingale.

Philosopher, a lover of *sophia* or wisdom.

Phlebotomy is another word for bleeding or blood-letting.

Phlema, a large lancet used by cattle doctors for bleeding.

Photography, the art of writing by the application of light (*φως*).

Phosphorus, an elementary substance, found in the bones of animals.

A **phrase** is a short sentence, as, "Christ is the physician of souls."

Phrenology, the science which teaches that "the brain is the organ of the mind."

Physiognomy professes to teach character by the countenance.

Physiology gives a description of the animal or vegetable construction and functions.

Phytology, a description of plants and vegetables.

17.—ON WORDS IN **ph**, SOUND OF **f**—*continued*.

Amphibious animals are those which live with equal ease on land, or in water. These are few in number, as they require both lungs and gills.

Amphitheatre, a place of amusement, with the seats all round it.

Autograph, the name of any person, written by himself. The **autographs** of great persons are often sold for large sums.

Small insects found on plants are called **aphides**;

and a short maxim or sentence is an aphorism, such as, "Knowledge is power."

Biographers are those who write the lives of any persons.

Those who speak evil words against God, are said to blaspheme.

Good writing is sometimes called **caligraphy**; bad speaking, **cacophony**.

Another word for transparent is **diaphanous**, to be seen through.

Emphasis is stress laid on certain words in a sentence.

Ephemeral, lasting one day; **ephemerides**, short-lived insects, also a nautical almanac.

Epiphany, the manifestation, the twelfth day after Christmas.

An inscription on a tomb is called an epitaph, from **taphos**, a tomb.

Euphony teaches the proper sounding of the syllables of words.

The ancient writing of Egypt was called **hieroglyphics**.

The silkworm undergoes changes of form, or **metamorphoses**.

The minor **prophets** of the Bible are from Daniel to Malachi.

Symphony is a musical introduction, or interlude.

A plant animal, as the sponge and others, is called a **zoophyte**.

18.—ON WORDS ENDING IN **re**.

*Attempts have been made by individuals to make these words end in **er** instead of **re**; but, at present, **re** may be regarded as correct.*

To **accoutre** is to put in harness, in arms, or in armour, which are the soldiers' **accoutrements**.

The **centre** of the earth is nearly 4000 miles from its surface.

The cannon formerly made was of less **calibre** than at present.

Vegetable fibre and fibrous plants are made use of in all countries for clothing, as hemp, flax, jute, cocoa fibre, &c.

Lustre, which means brilliancy, is applied to glass chandeliers and reflectors.

The **massacre** of St. Bartholomew destroyed 100,000 persons in France.

The attendance at the meeting was very **meagre**.

Metre is the measure in which poetry is written, as **Long Metre**. Every line of poetry must contain a certain number of syllables, called feet; and these syllables decide the metre.

A **mitre** is the state head-dress of an archbishop or bishop.

Nitre is a compound of nitric acid and potash. It is also called **saltpetre**, and is extensively used in the manufacture of gunpowder.

Ochre is a coloured earth used extensively in dyeing.

A party of scouts was sent out to **reconnoitre** the enemy's position. Some were seen sharpening their **sabres**; but many had a dull and **sombre** appearance, as if they had seen a **spectre**, or were thinking how many might be sent to the **sepulchre** after the approaching battle.

The **theatres** of the Greeks and the **amphitheatres** of the Romans were open to the heavens.

19.—ON WORDS IN rh—h NOT SOUNDED.

Rhodomancy, a pretended power of divining by a wand or rod.

Rhapsody is a confused collection of words or poems, and a **rhapsodist** is the writer or reciter of the same.

Rhetoric is the art of speaking well and eloquently, and whosoever excels therein, is called a **rhetorician**.

Rheum is an old word describing watery humour, from the gland of the eye.

Rheumatism, a painful disorder; when accompanied by much fever, it is called **rheumatics**.

Rhinoceros, a thick-skinned animal found in South Africa.

Rhine, a river which flows through Germany into the North Sea.

Rhino, a slang word, used by sailors for money.

Rhodium, a metal, hard and brittle, found in combination with platinum.

Rhombus, a four-sided figure, with all its sides equal, but angles not right angles.

Rhomboid, a four-sided figure, with opposite sides equal, but not right angled.

Rhone, a river of France, falling into the Mediterranean Sea.

Rhubarb, a plant used in England as food. The rhubarb of Turkey is also used as an aperient medicine.

Rhyme, the agreement of sound at the end of lines or verses.

Rhythm refers to the musical proportion or metre of verse.

20.—ON WORDS BEGINNING WITH **SC** HARD.

Sc is generally hard before the letters **a** and **o**, as **scald** and **scold**.

The **scabbard** is the sheath in which a sword is carried.

The child **scalded** his mouth with **scalding** milk, and his trouble was increased by the **scolding** of his nurse.

Children **scamper** about, when they are dismissed from school.

Among the ancient Scandinavians, the bards or singers were called **scalds**.

The sailor at the mast-head **scans** the sea to a great distance, and the scholar **scans** the measure of the poem.

The **scaffold** is a building on which criminals are executed, and by which houses are built.

Scarlet is a brilliant colour obtained from tin, dissolved in aqua fortis and madder.

The sower **scatters** the seed over the ground, and leaves it, trusting to the providence of God to make the scattering profitable.

Never **scold** at the poor and afflicted, since it is by the mercy of God alone that you are not in a similar position.

"Blessed is he that sitteth not in the seat of the scornful."

In our markets, formerly a **score** (twenty) was more common than at present: now also pork is said to be **scored** or cut for roasting.

Among the Romans, prisoners were **scourged** with rods, but among the Jews, by a three-thronged whip called a **scourge**: with this **scourge**, thirteen stripes only might be given—forty stripes save one.

Careless writing is usually called a **scribble**; and receipts or documents for shares in stocks or companies are called **scrip**. The Word of God is also called **Holy Scriptures** or **Holy Writings**.

An artist who cuts figures in marble or stone, is a **sculptor**, and his work is **sculpture**.

Lambert Simnel was made a **scullion** in the king's kitchen, so he must have spent most of his time in the **scullery**.

The coat of arms is sometimes called the **scutcheon**.

Sailors and others, who eat much salt meat and little vegetables, are liable to the disease called **scurvy**.

A **scuttle** is a vessel in which to carry coals, and a ship is **scuttled** by boring holes in it, in deep water.

21.—ON WORDS BEGINNING WITH *sc* SOFT.

Sc is usually soft before *e* and *i*.

A part of a play is called a scene, or a scenic representation.

Switzerland and the Rhine are famous for their scenery.

The scent of the flowers is sent to refresh us. God might have made them all of one colour and without smell.

A sceptre of righteousness is an ornament to sceptred kings.

Sciatica is a painful complaint in the hip joints, which has long baffled the science and skill of scientific men.

The orientals use a curved, short sword, which is called a scimitar, and which sends forth scintillations, or sparks, when struck with hard substances.

Many scions of noble houses, as younger sons are called, are sciolists as well as scions: they only know a few things superficially.

Scissors are small shears, which are used for the scission or cutting off materials of any kind.

The eye has three skins or coats, and the outer is called sclerotica.

Barley and oats are cut down with a scythe, and we are told that the ancient Britons put scythe blades on their chariot wheels.

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22.—ON *t*, SILENT AFTER *s*.

The Apostle Paul says, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

When the child was christened, a large party assembled.

There is always much bustle and preparation for

Christmas, as it is a season of rejoicing for the birth of a Saviour.

The death wound of Richard I. was received at the castle of Chalus, in the department of Limoges, in A.D. 1199.

The epistles contain a great deal of Christian doctrine. An epistle is a letter.

We fasten our doors to keep out thieves and other intruders.

In the morning, the meadows glisten with dew, and in the evening, the windows glisten with the rays of the setting sun.

Some fishes have bony skeletons, others, like the shark, have only gristle.

"Hasten, sinner, to be wise! do not till to-morrow stay."

We jostled each other in the crowd at the Exhibition.

Listen to the advice of your seniors and teachers.

The food we eat must be moistened with the saliva of the mouth.

You see the chickens nestle beneath the wings of the hen.

The chemist breaks up hard chemicals with a pestle and mortar.

I knew you were near me, by the rustle of your silk dress.

The thistle is the emblem of Scotland, as the rose, of England.

Most dogs are trained to obey the call of a whistle.

We are told that Jacob wrestled until daybreak with the angel at Bethel.

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23.—ON p SILENT BETWEEN m AND t IN THE DERIVATIVES OF sumere.

The assumption of Ptolemy was false, that the earth was flat.

**Consumption**, a disease of the lungs, destroys the lives of many young persons in England.

The tribe of **Levites** were **exempt**, or free from taxes.

**Emption** is a law term for buying, from **emere**, to buy.

The master, being angry, addressed his pupils in a **peremptory** manner, which startled them.

**Prompt** measures were necessary, when the hole was seen in the side of the water-course.

The audience were astonished at the **presumption** of the speaker, who ridiculed many people wiser than himself.

The lord of the manor had a **pre-emption**, or prior right, of purchasing the houses within his manor.

"The **redemption** of the soul is precious," says the Psalmist; but there is no prospect of its **resumption** of another physical body after death.

**Dives** was rich in earthly gifts, "and fared **sumptuously** every day."

**Sumption** is an old word, which signifies taking anything.



24.—ON WORDS BEGINNING WITH **WR**, WITH **W** SILENT.

To **wrangle** is to speak together in tones of disputation. One who gains high honours at Cambridge University, is called a **wrangler**.

**Wrapped** in swaddling clothes, Jesus was lying in a manger.

By trusting to His atonement, we are safe from the **wrath** to come.

Saul was hastening to Damascus to **wreak** vengeance on the disciples of Jesus, but he did not **wreak** it.

**Wreaths** of ivy, oak leaves, laurel, or parsley, were given to the conquerors in the various Grecian games, whose faces were **wreathed** with smiles.

Longfellow wrote a pretty poem, called "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

St. Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Melita.

The wren is a small bird, of which we have several kinds.

When anything is drawn out by force, we say it is wrenched out.

The dentist wrenches out our teeth with a painful wrench.

The burglar tried to wrest the staff from the policeman's hand; but the unfortunate wretch received a blow from it.

It is pleasant to be able to write. The shipwright was very unfortunate, who could not write to his friends.

The servant sprained her wrist while trying to wring a counterpane, and the pain caused her to make wry faces.

It was not wrung properly, or her wrist would not have been hurt, and there would not have been so many wrinkles in the article itself.

Debtors are sued in law by what is called a writ.

Barbarous nations do not possess any written language, and Christian missionaries have done good service by writing the language and grammar of many nations.

The wrongs of the oppressed people ascended to Heaven.

Lo, there wrestled an angel with Jacob at Bethel.

While Belshazzar was feasting in the banquet hall, he was terrified by a writing on the wall. The wretched monarch trembled at the sight.

Who is a relative pronoun, and whole means entire or complete.

The Indians' war-cry is called a war-whoop.

Farinaceous food is most wholesome for the young.

**W** is also silent in the following :—

**Answer** not a fool according to his folly.

His hair and necktie were all **awry**, or crooked.

“**Knowledge** and wisdom, far from being one, have often no connexion.”

“They that take the **sword**, shall perish by the sword.”

25.—ON NOUNS ENDING IN **y**, PRECEDED BY A VOWEL.

*RULE.*—Nouns ending in **y**, preceded by a vowel, form their plurals by adding **s**.

**Alleys** are narrow passages between walls.

**Attorneys** is another name for solicitors.

Some horses are called **bays**, and some Turkish governors are called **beys**, like the **Beys** of Tunis and Tripoli.

We must not mistake **buoys** for **boys**. **Buoys** are floating vessels used as sea-marks.

**Chimneys** were formerly swept by **boys**, who had many sorrows and few joys.

The **days** of our years are three score years and ten.

The **Deys** of Algiers have always encouraged piracy and slavery.

**Delays** are dangerous.

In France, criminals are sent to the **galleys**. These **galleys** are like our hulks, or convict ships.

**Journeys** across the desert are always dangerous from sandstorm and thirst.

The **keys** of the warehouses must not be left on the quays.

**Monkeys** are found at Gibraltar, and nowhere else in Europe.

Many **pulleys** are required to manage the scenery at plays.

The **rays** of the sun, falling aslant on the northern

regions, makes the climate colder than that of the equator.

The toys, which amuse us, when young, are treated with contempt as we grow older.

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord, and he will bring them to pass."

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26.—ON NOUNS IN *f*, WITH PLURAL IN *ves*.

*RULE.*—Nouns in *f* or *fe* form their plural in *ves*, except *fife*, *fifes*; *strife*, *strifes*; *gulf*, *gulfs*.

The white calf will not be sold with the other calves.

The fairy elf was dancing with the other elves on the green.

Half a loaf was given to each child, with potatoes cut in halves.

The silver knife was covered in the tray by the other knives.

The leaf of the fan-palm is larger than most other leaves.

The life of the general was thought to be more valuable than the lives of many soldiers.

The loaf of the Russian peasant is almost black, while the loaves of Englishmen are nearly white.

The plural of *himself* is *themselves*.

Joseph dreamed that the sheaves of corn bowed themselves down before his sheaf, and told this to his parents.

"And Jacob worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff." Old men are accustomed to use staves.

"Where moth and rust corrupt, thieves may break through and steal;" but no thief unrepentant can enter into Heaven.

The wife of a monarch should, like our good Queen Victoria, be a model to other wives.

In the fable, the boy cried wolf, when there were

no wolves, and when the wolves really came, he received no assistance.

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27.—DIFFICULT WORDS IN COMMON USE.

The adjutant was expected to see the artillerymen properly accoutred.

The apothecary was afflicted with asthma, while the ambassador had an abscess under his armpit.

The amateur musician played the accordion very well on his arraignment before the judges at the festival.

Each of the beaux had a bouquet for the belle with whom he danced.

The boatswain, in climbing the enemy's vessel, was stabbed by a bayonet, and subsequently died of bronchitis.

The colonel of the regiment, accompanied by a corporal, went on shore, in charge of the coxswain and his crew.

The diocese abounds with choirs and choristers, ready to take part in every ceremonial.

The chancel of the church was decorated with dahlias and chrysanthemums.

The debris, or remains of the regiment suffered greatly from diarrhoea and dyspepsia.

The ensign was relieved from the embarrassments of his exchequer by a furlough, though contrary to martial etiquette.

Euphony and orthoëpy are the proper sounding of words.

The eucharist, or sacrament, is administered in all churches in the episcopacy.

The lieutenant played a fantasia on the violoncello with great eclat, and was encored.

There are few favourable examples of hierarchical government, or hereditary legislators.



The **fuschia**, which is now so splendid in England, was raised from one small plant.

**Hiccough** is a spasm of the stomach, caused sometimes by fasting.

A good medicine, to remove phlegm, is called **paregoric**.

Some physicians think that **rheumatism** arises from a diseased state of the blood.

The **surgeon** declared that the pauper died of **typhus** fever.

**Gibraltar** is said to be England's key to the **Mediterranean**.

No European monarch was more dreaded than **Napoleon Buonaparte**.

The **Presbyterian** body disapprove of organs, though they employ **precentors** to conduct their **psalmody**.

The envoy **plenipotentiary** received the thanks of **Parliament**, and the sovereign gave him successive tokens of approval.

At the **soiree**, the evening was spent in discussing coffee and **biscuits**, in promenading, and in interesting discourses on the **Pentateuch** and the **resurrection**.

The **rhinoceros** and **hippopotamus** are both found in South Africa, where also the **geranium** grows wild.

The **polyanthus** and **hyacinth** are among our earliest spring flowers, while the **azalea** and **rhododendron** abound in June.

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28.—DIFFICULT WORDS DERIVED CHIEFLY FROM THE  
FRENCH.

The **admiral** hoisted his flag on receiving a message from the **aide-de-camp**, and sailed into the midst of the **affray**.

The **amateur** painted the **avalanche** very beautifully.

The **barons** fought at the **barricades** for the **banner**, like men-at-arms, on foot.

The lady placed the splendid bouquet (bookay) in a basin of water.

The bastions of the Bastille, in Paris, were overthrown in the Revolution.

The beau sent a billet-doux (billa-doo) to his belle, with a pair of bronze statuettes.

The soldiers' bivouac for the night was in the churches.

The brunette was sent by the lady to fetch some bullion from the bureau.

The French acting of Hamlet was a kind of burlesque.

The calibre of the guns was altered at the caprice of the engineer.

The carbines of the soldiers were stolen during their drunken carouse.

The chaise was of the kind called a calash.

There were two corporals and some chasseurs on board the corvette.

The pictures were hung on each side of a long corridor.

Coloured corsets form part of the costume of Spanish women.

The courtiers were divided into several coteries or cliques.

The coloured crayon portraits were hung along the galleries.

At the sound of the curfew bell, all candles and fires must be extinguished, if not covered with a curtain.

Debauchery enfeebles the constitution, and destroys health : it is, therefore, a kind of suicide.

The draper gave a douceur to the druggist for procuring him an apprentice.

The embarrassments of the officer led him to embezzle the funds of the regiment.

The shield was embossed with iron, and large enough to cover the embrasures of the castle.

**Embroidery** was the principal work of ladies in ancient times.

The sailors **emerged** from the hatchway fully equipped, and were landed on the **esplanade** to **escort** the general.

Considerable **etiquette** was observed in the presentations.

The musician sold his **flageolet**, for want of **finances**, to procure provision for himself and **forage** for his horse.

The **fricassee** was not relished by the marines of the **frigate**, because the **guager** said it contained frogs.

The iron gloves of the ancient warriors were called **gauntlets**.

It was the custom in the eighteenth century to **gibbet** pirates, on the banks of the Thames and other large rivers.

The **gizzard** of fowls is powerful enough to dissolve iron.

The traitor acted as **guide** in the **guise** of a peasant.

The **grimaces** of the clown and the **harlequin** were ludicrous.

A whale is struck by a **harpoon**, to which a line is attached.

The language of the sailors was a **jargon** or medley of Dutch and other words.

The **jaundice** is so called from **jaune**, the French for yellow.

The **grisette** was jealous of her fellow servant, who had a fine bed of **jonquilles** and **hyacinths**.

The juice of some plants is made into a **liqueur**.

The **mail** coach was laden with **magazines** as well as mails.

The **mutiny** of the **Bounty** occurred in the South Seas.

The jury admired the **naivete** of the young witness.

The odour of **onions** is not quite so sweet as that of **mignonette**.

The French name of trousers is **pantaloons**, and

**parole**, a word of honour. Prisoners of war are liberated on **parole**.

The garden was divided into **parterres**, and watchmen **patrolled** it by night, wrapped in long **pelisses**.

The people were urged on in their quarrel by a **pettifogger**, who deserved to be placed in the **pillory**.

The sailors took the captain on shore in the **pinnacle**, and, from some **pique**, he would not allow them to land.

The unfortunate man was assassinated with his own **poniard**, purloined from his **portmanteau**.

The **promenade** was lined with visitors, who lodged in the **purliens** of the Tuilleries, and were listening to the famous **quadrille** band of Musard.

The travellers were in a sad **quandary**, because they were obliged to pass a week in **quarantine**.

The **quay** was covered with **quires** of printed books.

The meat was made into a kind of stew called a **ragout**, and a dessert of **raisins** and almonds followed it.

The court sword of a civilian is called a **rapier**.

The **vidette** stood at the head of the **ravine** to **reconnoitre** the position of the enemy.

This **romance** in real life is a pleasing variation of the routine and monotony of our daily existence.

**Ribbon** of a **saffron** colour and **scarlet** **satin** hung from the **balconies** opposite the **scaffold**.

The **toilet** of the nobles and their ladies, at the tournament of the Field of the Cloth of Gold, was very elaborate, and its expense impoverished them: gold and silver **tissues** were trampled on as if worthless. Many dreaded **treachery**, but no **treason** occurred.

The **truant** was driven back by the **truncheon** of the policeman.

The **valet** of the prince was a treacherous **varlet**, who robbed his master on the **voyage** to France.

N.B.—It will be seen that the majority of these words relate to military affairs, fashions, and luxury.

**29.—DIFFICULT WORDS DERIVED CHIEFLY FROM THE  
DUTCH AND GERMAN.**

The men wore blouses while carrying the ballast into the barge, during the boisterous weather.

The water bubbled through a crack in the bulwarks.

The cobbler cobbled the boots, dressed in a leather jerkin.

The kidnapped child was carried away in the smuggler's lugger, whose captain was called a skipper.

The slender sledge had been made in a slovenly manner, and was quickly shattered by the ice.

The water escaped through a sluice, and emptied the mill dam, which smelt strongly of fish.

The splintered mast was spliced with part of a cable.

The stadtholder was afflicted with a terrible squint, which made him often stagger at the wheel.

The lambs frisked about in the dusk of the evening.

The slave escaped in a skiff, which had been used to smuggle schnaps and hollands from the coast.

The cabin of the yacht was veneered throughout with mahogany, and it was ballasted with empty spirit kegs.

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**30.—DIFFICULT WORDS DERIVED CHIEFLY FROM THE
SPANISH.**

The magistrate of a Spanish town or village is called an alcaid or alcalde, while the porch over a door is called an alcove.

The anchovy is a small fish caught in the Mediterranean.

The Spanish Armada was destroyed by storms, rather than by the hand of man; and England may well rejoice, as it contained bilboes, thumb-screws, and other instruments of torture, to use on the heretics, when conquered.

The **commodore** was amused at the **cachuca** dance, and especially with the rattling **castanets**.

Cigars are made by Government at Manilla and Havanna, in large numbers.

Sailors sleep in **hammocks**, which are slung and not fixed.

The Spanish parliament is called a **junta**.

Salt is manufactured in **lagoons** on some sea coasts.

The **mosquito** is a small, but troublesome insect.

The natives held a **palaver** to determine the question.

"Sound the loud **timbrel** o'er Egypt's dark sea."

In hot countries, white **umbrellas** are used as sun shades.

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81.—DIFFICULT WORDS DERIVED CHIEFLY FROM THE  
ITALIAN.

An **adagio** movement in music is **flowing**, **allegro** is lively, and **allegretto** very quick.

**Banditti** abound in Italy, every mountainous pass having its terrible **bandit** or robber.

The famous Wallace was betrayed by his **caitiff** countryman, Monteith.

Very beautiful **cameos** are found among the ruins of Italian cities.

The **casement** of the cottage was dashed in by the wind.

After the dinner, the **conversazione** was held, in which every one conversed at his ease, and examined various **curiosities**.

Some singers used what is called a **false** voice in singing the high notes.

The account of the bankruptcy was given in the **gazette**.

We passed throughout Venice in a **gondola**—a boat which is half covered, and rowed by a **gondolier**.

While in Naples, we saw persons eating **macaroni**,

which was boiled, and sold at the stalls in the public streets.

In France and Italy, dancing dolls on wires are called marionettes.

Many of the old mezzotinto engravings are very valuable.

The motto of the city of London is "Domine dirige nos;" O Lord, direct or guide us. Nearly all noble families have their peculiar mottoes.

The opera house was built and adapted for operas only. The piazzas underneath it are lined with shops, and are a favourite promenade of fashionable people.

The piano is now heard in every street in our large towns; but punchinello has almost disappeared.

Presto signifies a rapid movement in music; prestissimo, very rapid.

The ruffianly banditti were dispersed by the police.

The musicians played some sonatas of Beethoven, and one played a solo on the violin.

The words of the cantata were taken from the sonnets of Milton. Three of the singers sang a trio, and then four a quartetto.

Some pieces require the voice to trill like the warbling of a bird. Such trills are found in Haydn's oratorios.

The lowest grade of the thermometer is called zero

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### 32.—DIFFICULT WORDS, CHIEFLY ASIATIC OR AMERICAN.

When the brandy was placed on a fire, all the alcohol evaporated.

Alchemists used an alembic, in which they mixed the ingredients of their alchemy.

Almanac and most other words in al are from the Arabic, as Alcoran or Alkoran, the Koran or Bible of the Mahometans.

Amber is found almost exclusively on the north

shores of Prussia. Quantities of it are sold in the eastern bazaars for pipe mouth-pieces.

Letters and messages are often sent, sealed up in bamboo.

Borax is a brilliant mineral acid, obtained from boron.

Chemistry has made great progress of late years. Many of its discoveries were made by alchemists.

In Turkish houses, there is usually a raised and cushioned seat called a *divan*. A council of ministers and the members of government is also called a *divan*.

The best cotton is grown on the coast of the United States of America.

Travellers and merchants, in crossing the desert, form themselves into large companies, which are called *caravans*.

The guards of the Turkish sultan were formerly called *janizaries*. There was a general massacre of *janizaries* under Sultan Mahmoud.

An eastern wayside inn is called a *caravansera*, or *khan*, and *khan* is also the title of a chief of the Tartars.

Mahomet forbids his disciples to read any book but the *Koran*.

The Mahometans are called to worship by a *muezzin*—a priest who cries aloud from a minaret of the mosque.

The Indian princes of some provinces are called *nabobs*, as the nabob of Arcot.

The *nadir* is the point exactly under our feet; *nadir*, nether.

Europeans travel in India by *dāk*, that is, in a *palanquin*, carried from stage to stage by regular bearers.

The chief of the Mysore is called a *rajah*.

Turkey rhubarb is a useful medicine; English rhubarb, a pleasant fruit.

In Persia, great quantities of *sherbet* are taken as



a drink, and in all oriental countries, sofas are used instead of chairs.

A sirop or syrup is made from poppies, which is a powerful narcotic, or sleeping drug.

Many orientals believe in charms or talismans, and wear a cloth folded round their shaven heads, called a turban.

Sir Walter Raleigh introduced potatoes and tobacco from America, where the natives smoke tobacco, and slay their enemies, with the same tomahawk, and make their wives build the wigwams, and do the work.

## PART III.

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### RECAPITULATION.

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**1.**—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND, LIKE **a** IN **late, fate**, ETC.

The churchyard was formerly called God's **acre**.

The **ague** flourishes most in marshy districts.

In **ancient** Rome, large **aqueducts** were made to supply the city with water—an **aqueous** blessing.

The **bailiff**, when a soldier had been wounded by a **bayonet**.

The **brazier** brought a brass fender for the **chamber**.

**Cambric** was first manufactured at **Cambray**, in Belgium.

The **dairy** received the milk of **eighty** cows.

The **glazier** put glass in the windows of the **grazier's** house, and afterwards received a **gracious** acknowledgment.

The **matron** gave the boy a **halfpenny** for going to her neighbour.

The **patriot** was **plaguy** wearisome with his **plagiarisms**.

The **patriarch** Abraham was called the friend of God.

The **patriarch** Job is the scripture model of **patience**.

Lazarus was clad in miserable **raiment**, but was taken to a **radiant** home in Heaven.

Valencia, in Spain, is famous for its **raisins**.

The conjuror was remarkable rather for skill than **sapience**, when he pretended to swallow the **sabre** of the guardsman.

2.—WORDS WITH VOWEL SOUND LIKE **a** IN **cat, rat, hat, ETC.**

One who aids a murderer is called an **accessory**, before, or after, the fact.

The **accident** to the **adjutant** caused much **anguish** to his friends.

The **antiquary** related some **anecdotes** of his **ancestry**, but they were not very **accurate** as to date and place.

"The **Pilgrim's Progress**" is called an **allegory**.

**Ambergris** and all animal matter can be preserved in **alcohol**.

The **antiquarian** was foolishly proud of his **aquiline** nose.

Many persons suffer from **asthma**, or shortness of breath.

The **average** age of the trees in the **avenue** was about one hundred years.

The **bachelor**, leaning over the **balcony**, nearly lost his **balance**.

The **calibre** of the enemy's guns alarmed the **captain**.

**Capillary** attraction is described in the **chemical catechism**.

A **catalogue** of curious **caterpillars** was left in the **carriage**.

The character of the **chamois** makes its chase a **chastisement**.

We descended ninety fathoms into a mine by the light of a **flambeau**.

The stem of the flower was very **fragile** and weak.

A **galaxy** of stars could be seen from the **gallery** windows. The teacher gave a **graphic** description of their **grandeur**.

The days of our youth seem to be the **halcyon** days.

On the **knapsack** were words in a foreign language, and the poor **lacerated** soldier was **languid** and weak.

The tears are secreted by the lachrymal gland.

The magistracy were held responsible for the massacre.

The machinations of the prisoners made manacles necessary.

With malleable hooks we managed to take some mackerel.

Magnetism has some mysterious connection with electricity.

We rolled up our mattress, when the bell rang for matins.

Observations on matrimony filled many paragraphs of the pamphlet, which were not palatable to the Malthusians.

The patriots ran a parallel course during their short lives; they were a pattern to honest men, but the horror of parasites.

The patrimony of the Pharisee was a mere phantom.

The rhapsody of the orator was very exciting.

The ravenous appetite of the raven led it to delight in rapine and plunder.

Saccharine matter flows from the sugar maple, and is boiled into sugar.

"The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit."

The moon is a satellite or attendant upon the earth.

The salmon abounds in Scottish rivers.

The spaniel was of a snappish disposition.

The sapphire-hilted sword and the scarlet cloak were very conspicuous.

The statuary sought permanent, rather than transient, fame.

The tapestry was lent to the tavern-keeper to make scenery for the tragedy.

The army of Darius was destroyed in traversing the Scythian desert.

The soldiers, though valiant, were not the less tractable.

"Nature abhors a vacuum, or empty space."

3.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH  
VOWEL SOUND LIKE **a** IN **par**, **tar**, ETC.

The **almond** tree was beautifully designed by the architect.

The first kind of gun was called an **arquebuse**.

The **barbican** of a fortress was usually a fort outside the gate.

"The **barbarous** people treated us with no little kindness."

In Italy, there have been hired **assassins** called **bravos**.

The **clarion** was sounded when the **cardinal** began dinner.

In the **charnel** house, the bones and cartilage had become dust.

The poor old **charlatan** became **chargeable** to the parish.

The **gauntlet** was thrown down by the guardian of the lady.

The **harlequin** leaped through the **laundry** window, and did some **laughable** tricks, ending in the **larceny** of some shirts.

**Martyrdom** of Christians was frequent under **Dio-clesian**.

The **partisans** of Charles opposed the **parsimony** of the **parliament**.

**Pharmacy** is a department of medical science.

David, the **Psalmist**, is called the sweet singer of Israel.

The **sergeant** of the guards bravely defended the flag at Alma.

A wise person laughs at the **sarcasm** of the foolish.

A **saunter** through the dockyard is a convincing proof of the great commerce of England.

4.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH  
VOWEL SOUND LIKE **a** IN **tall**, **call**, ETC.

The **almanac** of seamen is called **ephemerides**.

The **altar** was adorned with flowers, and could not be altered.

The audience listened with as much patience as **auditory** nerves would allow, to the description of **auricles** and **ventricles**.

The **autographs** of great men are always valuable.

"Take away that **bauble**," said Cromwell to his **myrmidons**.

The **caldron** contained **cauliflowers** and some game recently caught.

The part bitten by the dog was obliged to be **cauterized**, or burnt.

The **gaudy** colours of the bird, seemed most **gorgeous** at a distance.

He had tied the animal to the altar with a new **halter**.

The **haughty** maiden sat under the hawthorn tree, **haughtily**.

The **lawyer** was engaged in a singularly laudable **lawsuit**.

The **maudlin** sentiment of the poem was **mawkish** in the extreme.

The **naughty** child would not swallow the **nauseous** medicine.

**Nautical** affairs occupied the time of the captain's **orphan** son.

The **orchestra** had to undergo the ordeal of playing before the queen.

The **paucity** of news was a great drawback to the newspapers.

The **plausible** manner of the Jesuit gained him many friends.

**Porphyry** is a veined and coloured marble of Southern Europe.

The **porcupine** is covered with quills, and is found in Southern Europe.

Those who eat heavily at night, feel **qualmish** in the morning.

The **slaughter** of the Israelites led **Saul** to commit suicide, on Mount Gilboa.

The meat was cut up, and made into **sausages**.

The **thralldom** of slavery is hard to endure.

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5.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF **e**, AS IN **neat**, **meet**, ETC.

The **beadle** of the parish sold a mixture to kill **beetles**.

**Beacon** lights were common in England in ancient times.

We ought not to **cheat** for the sake of cheapening articles.

He was a **creature** unworthy of **credence** or belief.

The **deacon** is spoken of in the Scriptures as a church officer.

**Eagles**, unlike vultures, **eat** only what they kill.

"'Tis **easier** work, if we begin to fear the Lord betimes."

During sieges, many things are **eaten**, which are not thought **eatable** in better times.

The nobles in feudal times paid **fealty** or homage to the king.

The English army was too feeble at Agincourt to make victory **feasible**.

The **meteor** was seen by the coal **meters**, who were weighing coals.

**Measles** is often followed by some other disagreeable complaint.

Jesus Christ is the only **mediator** between God and man.

The man was **piqued** at being placed in a **menial** situation.

**Secrecy** was required to allow the seizure of the vessel.

The **theory** of Ptolemy was, that the sun went round the earth.

The Greeks and Romans held public meetings in theatres.

The teacher wrote a valuable treatise, of which all his teachable pupils made extensive use.

The vehement speeches of the parliamentary demagogues were wearisome.

Weasels are said to abound in the Wealds of Kent.

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6—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF e, AS IN let, pet, net.

The clergyman had not a wealthy benefice, and could not afford to indulge in expensive beverages and luxury.

**Breakfast** in some countries is taken at midday.

The magistrate was noted for the breadth of his views, and the brevity of his speeches.

**Celery** the vegetable is sometimes spoken of as salary.

The state of **celibacy** is required in Roman Catholic priests, whose time is much occupied in ceremonies.

The centre of the mausoleum held a **cenotaph**, which was closed hermetically with hard cement.

The **chemist** cherished his aged mother during her life, and placed over her grave in the cemetery a tomb on which were sculptured cherubim.

The clerical gentleman behaved most clemently to the robber, who had hidden his plunder in a crevice of the church.

We ought to pay deference to our superiors and seniors.

We deprecate war and anarchy as evils.

The denizens of the Queen's Bench prison are debtors.



The people burned the governor in effigy, but by his eloquent appeals to their good sense, they were led to regret it.

The French people think more of etiquette than morality.

The splendid echo at Killarney sent the children into ecstasies, especially when part of Gray's Elegy was echoed exactly.

The efficacy of the medicine was seen immediately.

The emissary spake with emphasis on the want of equity, and the far from exemplary egotism of his opponent.

Epitaphs are not always honest in their epithets.

Equitable arrangements were made by the essayists.

The nest of the esculent swallow is put into soup by the Chinese.

Feathers are much used in feminine head-dresses.

Much of the gelatine sold for use is not genuine.

The Eastern hemisphere contains the largest portion of land.

The persecuted heroine took refuge in the hermitage.

The heretic refused without hesitancy to recant his opinions.

The heifer was sacrificed on the altar of Jupiter.

Leaven is used to lighten bread, yeast is the common leaven.

The leopard was found in a state of lethargy.

The legate was rebuked for shewing levity at the levee.

The mechanism of the watch amused the young legislator.

The opening of the first railway from London was made memorable by the melancholy death of Mr. Huskisson and others, by an accident.

The message of the lawyer declared the message to be sold.

**Metaphor** is a figure of speech, as "All flesh is grass."

The **nectarine** tree afforded shelter, in which birds could nestle.

The **peasant** was taken with a **pheasant** in his possession.

The order to keep out pestilence-bearing ships was **peremptory**.

In coal mines we find petrified petals of plants and flowers.

The **petulant** pedagogue objected to the pleasantries of the children.

The **preface** of the book was full of the prejudices of the author.

The **precious** jewels were lost over the precipice.

This was regarded as a prelude or precedent to something else.

The **prelate** complained of the prevalent disorders in the church.

The owner of the premises was full of querulous complaints.

The water was reserved in reservoirs until required.

The **rhetoric** of the colonel overcame the scruples of the regiment.

No recompense was afforded to those who were injured by the revolution, which was altogether a retrograde step.

The **retrospect** of midnight revellers is not pleasant.

The **revenues** of his reverence hardly met his expenses.

The **sceptic** spake ill of the **Septuagint** translation, though it was used in the seminary of the disciples.

The **secretary** was appointed by a separate arrangement to conduct the **secular** business only.

The **sepulchres** were adorned with images of shepherds and seraphim, and the travellers looked like spectres amid the spectacle.

The **sentinel** made strenuous efforts to keep himself

awake, fearing lest sleep might cause the severance of his head from his body.

Sentient beings ought not to indulge in sensual pleasures.

The Jewish shekel weighed 228 grains, and was worth about two shillings and sixpence.

The serenade of the students was agreeable to the professor.

The telescope reveals to us the immensity of the solar or stellar systems.

The treacherous thief was full of trepidation while trying to steal the treasure from its temporary tenement.

Technical objections prevented the sale of the territory.

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

The venomous reptile clung to Paul's hand, but he shook it into the fire.

The venerable patriarch told his son to go and seek venison.

Vegetation was flourishing, even in the vestibule of the temple.

The hall of the mansion was lined with oak wainscot, and adorned with weapons of war and hunting.

It was uncertain whether the wherry could weather the storm, though it wrestled manfully with the boisterous waves.

The zealous priests were in the zenith of their power when Titus was sent against Jerusalem.

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7.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF *i*, AS IN *nine*, *tine*, *sine*.

Letters are sent to ambassadors in secret cipher.

A chirograph is only a piece of fine writing by a chirographer or writer.

The highest point in a sentence or speech is called a climax.

Time is sometimes divided into periods called **cycles**.

The cemeteries of **Cyprus** and **Asia** contain many **cypress** trees.

The lecture was illustrated by **diagrams**, and the **dialogue** was carried on in the **Lancashire dialect**.

The Dutch excel in the culture of **hyacinths** and **tulips**.

The government of the Papacy is called a **hierarchy**.

No **islander** used more **irony** in speaking than **Curran**.

The **librarian** complained of the **libeller**, because he had prevented him earning his livelihood, by his **libels**.

Mighty advantages have been produced by the study of the **microscope** in its application, to the **microscosm** of the blood, &c.

The **mitre** is worn by archbishops and bishops on state occasions.

Pious people are often called the **righteous** in **Scripture**.

The teacher of **science** in **King's College** has no **sinecure**.

The **siphon** is used to empty vessels containing **liquors**.

The **primate** was quite **sprightly**, in spite of his age.

Tyrants always live in fear, and increase in **tyranny**.

Viscount Palmerston has been a public servant more than sixty years.

8.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF **i**, AS IN **sin**, **tin**, &c.

Bigoted people are uncharitable to their neighbours.

Bigamy is the marriage of a second husband or wife while the first is living. The offender is called a **bigamist**.

The billiard player made himself bilious by excitement.

The billows dashed over the binnacle of the ship.

No jewel is more brilliant than the diamond.

The biscuit maker sold his business and his biscuits.

The joints were cut by a chisel in form of a cylinder.

All moths and butterflies assume the chrysalis form.

The citizen civilly invited us to the christening of his child, after which we made a circuit of the fortifications.

The cross old cynic suffered from a cicatrised wound.

The present Napoleon is the Third of his dynasty.

Diffident people are often clever, but appear diletory.

The word digit, a figure, is a dissyllable, and dainty is a diphthong, like doubt and dæmon.

Filial love is an important feature of true piety.

The procurator-fiscal found the watch in a fissure of the wall.

A guinea was worth twenty-one shillings in the reign of George the third.

The boys were indulging in a foolish giggle.

When the moon is ten or twenty days old, its form is called gibbous.

The gibberish of the madman was hideous to hear.

History gives accounts of hypocrites in all ages.

The hippodrome was the Grecian race-course.

An idiom of a language is some peculiar construction.

Many islands of the South seas, are of igneous or volcanic formation.

After a course of beneficence, he suffered an ignominious death.

In hot countries the lands are irrigated by artificial
rivers.

He followed the intricacy of the maze, by means of a clue.

Only the isthmus of Darien intervenes between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

The lintel of the door and the sideposts were sprinkled with blood at the passover.

The lineaments of the queen were faithfully shown in the portrait.

The linguist was well acquainted with foreign literature.

The lizard basked in the sun the livelong day, but the mischievous monkey destroyed the miniature.

The one sister married a military man, and turned milliner.

In the miscellany was the song of the mistletoe bough.

The minute gun was fired for a pilot, but in vain.

The mystery was revealed to the waiting myriads by the chief of the mystics himself. Before this, they had thought it a miracle.

Myriads of pigeons made their home in the pyramids.

Ridicule is a powerful agent in unscrupulous hands.

His risible tendencies were rigorously restrained.

The Turks use a curved sword called a scimitar.

The sinews of the sinister or left hand were shrivelled.

Figures in logic are called syllogisms, and are useful in synthesis as well as analysis.

Sycophant is only a synonym for a flatterer.

The syringe was made from the wood of a sycamore tree.

The ruler of the synagogue had no sympathy with Jesus.

The thistle is the national emblem of Scotland.

The Scotch are among the most thrifty, even in trivial things.

The timorous natives were alarmed at the tyranny of the king.

Every word of three syllables is a trisyllable.

The villain who robbed the vicarage was not in need of victuals, for he had just received a good meal from a licensed victualler in the neighbouring town.

His villany was detected by the vigilance of a vicious yard-dog.

The eye contains three humours, the vitreous, the resinous, and the watery.

One-seventeenth of France consists of vineyard.

The whistle of the wind sounds dismally through the trees.

Many witticisms of the pretended wizard were very whimsical.

9.—WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF O, AS IN vote, note, &c.

The bowsprit of the vessel was broken by the collision.

Cocoa was provided for the courtiers, to whom cogent appeals were made by the people, whose dolor was distressing.

The foliage of the cedar of Lebanon is evergreen.

The hautboy is an instrument of music.

To people occupied in picking oakum, any little amusement must be like an oasis in the desert.

The ocean, full of small mollusca, was of the colour of ochre.

The portraitures under the portico were prototypes of the race.

The quotient results from division of sum by the divisor.

Roguery abounded in the ropery as well as in the rosary.

Social science is very important at this time.

Jacob sojourned 20 years in the land of Syria.

The sun is the centre of the solar system.

The shoulder of the soldier bore an epaulet, as a trophy of victory.

The stoicism of the patriots was tested by the spoliation of their property, and its appropriation by the enemy.

The yeoman did not know the difference between a zodiac and a zoophyte, though one is astronomical, and the other a plant-animal.

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X.—ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF O, AS IN lot, pot, sot.

The bronchial tubes connect the lungs with the throat.

The chronicles of a nation should be carefully preserved.

The emigration to the colonies decreased during the war.

Columns of troops followed the conqueror in his triumph.

The conscience of the offender warned him in vain.

Construe your Latin lessons carefully, or the consequence will be that your construing will be useless, and will be treated with the contumely or contempt it will deserve.

The copula is only a synonym for the predicate of a sentence.

In China, the cormorant, with a ring on its neck, is used for fishing.

The college professor and his colleagues explained the corollary of the proposition to the coterie of students.

The foppery of this youth caused the forfeiture of his inheritance.

The surgeon of the hospital had several honorary medals, though in a quarrel, he had nearly been guilty



of homicide, having caught a man wrenching the knocker from his door.

Laudanum is a narcotic poison made from opium.

Logarithms form a system of calculation from a fixed base.

The heavy mortgage on the land hindered its improvement.

Monotheists worship one God only, polytheists worship many.

We were able to mollify the chief of the monastery by a present, so that a novice was allowed to show us over the building and its novelties.

The funeral obsequies of the operative were followed by a crowd of fellow-workmen, under similar occupancy.

The obstacles to the use of obsolete words are, that people who are illiterate would not understand them.

Where a few of the aristocracy govern, it is an oligarchy.

The ostrich lives in deserts, where other large birds would die.

Oxygen forms an important part of all life-supporting gases.

The poniard used by the assassin had a jewelled hilt.

The progeny of the smaller animals is always numerous.

The Jewish proselyte could find no profitable employment, until like the prodigal son, he returned to his father.

Posthumous works are those published after the author's death.

The mourners on the solemn occasion, had a squalid appearance, but the widow was solaced by the kindness of all her family.

His tendency to squabble was softened by his sorrows, though he had been a notorious scoffer at all good things.

The tortoise will live to the age of a hundred years or more.

England is noted for its tolerance of religious and political opinions.

The cold in winter was tolerable, but the summer heat intolerable.

The tocsin sounded when the French revolution began.

The tonsils of the warrant officer's throat were very much swollen.

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11.—VOWEL SOUND OF u IN tube.

The beauty of the most beauteous must soon fade.

The bugle sounds to awaken the sleeping soldiers.

Cucumbers are useful in culinary operations.

The gentleman who held the curacy so long is made rector.

The cupola of the cathedral at Seville is very curiously formed.

The external skin of the tree is called the cuticle.

He was too duteous a son to become a duellist or debauchee.

The eucharist or sacrament is administered at Church once a month.

The eulogy on the prince was not remarkable for its euphony.

The feudal system has left few remains in England.

Glutinous substances, such as the feet of animals, are used to make glue and size.

The jubilee year occurred to the Jews in Palestine every fiftieth year.

It is dangerous to wound the jugular vein, even in a juvenile.

The neuter gender includes those animals which are neither male nor female.

The newsboys were a nuisance with their news-

mongering, but all efforts to quiet them were nugatory, except buying a paper.

The poor man died of a pleurisy in the side.

In hot climates, vegetables and fruits soon putrefy.

The suitors in the action at law, had to find sureties to secure the payment of the costs.

The organist said that his instrument was no longer tunable, which caused quite a tumult in the congregation.

The ill usage of the poor in the workhouse excited a disturbance. It was all the work of one old usurer.

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12. WORDS ACCENTED ON FIRST SYLLABLE, WITH  
VOWEL SOUND OF U AS IN tub.

The disfranchisement of the borough put the burghers in a bustle as great as though a burglary had been committed.

The budget of the chancellor was well buffeted about.

The courteous colonel drew aside the cumbrous curtain for the ladies.

The currier showed his want of courage by hiding in the cupboard when the cannonade began.

Cozen is an old word for cheat, and not to be confounded with cousin a relation.

In Roman prisons criminals were fastened together by couples.

A paper currency is very convenient for commerce and for travellers.

It is customary to make dungeons with double doors, increasing thereby their dulness and duskiness.

Copper is one of the most ductile of metals.

To obtain a furlough, the functionary employed the most fulsome flattery and obsequiousness.

Fustian clothing is usually worn by furnace-men.

The fulminations of the weak government were disregarded.

The Tartar language is remarkable for its guttural sounds.

The young housewife had scarcely finished the honeymoon before there came a hurricane of troubles.

The American roughs use what are called knuckle-dusters.

Brilliant lustres lighted this palace of luxury, while the tables were laden with luscious fruits.

All luggage was drawn up-stairs by machinery.

The monkey and its mother played among the myrtle trees.

The fishmonger was surrounded by mongrel dogs.

Nourish carefully those who are in the nursery.

The pope's nuncio urged the punishment of the thief.

Pustules filled with liquid, covered the patient's face. The surgeon punctured each of these pustules.

Immense quantities of sulphur are obtained from Sicily and Italy.

When goods are allowed to cross a quay or wharf it is called sufferance or permission.

The duties of a scullion lie in the scullery of a kitchen.

The scutcheon of the sovereign was sumptuously illuminated.

The general and his subalterns suffered from a surfeit of sturgeon, which they secured by a subtle stratagem.

The priest, clothed in his embroidered surplice, spoke of this sublunary sphere to the suffering people, who manifested thorough resignation in their trouble.

The truncheon of the policeman looked at a distance like the trumpet of a trumpeter.

The turgid waters washed the base of the turrets.

The ugliness of the building was forgotten, when the travellers felt the benefit of its umbrageous shadow.

The players took **umbrage** at the decision of the **umpire**.

The **circulation** of the waves made us all seasick.

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13.—VOWEL SOUND OF U AS IN **full**, U AS IN **rule**,  
AND OU AS IN **out**.

The **bullet** could not pierce **bulwarks** made of sand.

The **butcher** made a bed of **bulrushes** for his **bullocks**.

The **gold** was sent to the bank uncoined, in form of **bullion**.

The **cushion** was adorned with figures of cuckoos and other birds.

**Fuller's Earth** is obtained in abundance at Reigate.

The **pudding** was properly sugared by the **woman**.

The crew of the **cruiser** each wore a **crucifix**.

The **cattle** were **ruminating** under the ruined gateway.

The book of **rudiments** was torn in a ruthless manner, and the leaves **strewed** about the road by the **truant**.

The **troubadour** sang of **tournaments** and battles, having been a tourist in many countries.

The **ball** bouncing over the **boundary** wall, put an end to the game.

In doubtful cases at criminal trials, the accused must have the benefit of the doubt.

The **doughty** warrior soon felt **drowsy**, when he lay down near the iron foundry.

The **ploughshare** often turns up antiquities, which are not noticed.

The **trowsers** had been stolen by some **scoundrel**, though they were wrapped in a **towel**, and were inside the **tower**.

This ends the vowel sounds of ou.

14.—DIFFICULT WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND LIKE *a* IN *mate*, *fate*, &c.

The waters of the flood assuaged in 280 days.—Gen.

The civil laws were kept in abeyance during the revolution.

Agrarian laws related (in Rome) to the public fields or lands.

The prisoner was arraigned at the bar for manslaughter.

The business of assayer is carried on at the Royal mint.

The general arranged his troops in battle array.

Some officers of the brigade wore brocade scarves on their helmets, and the campaign was distinguished by courageous conduct.

Contagious diseases are increased in virulence by impure air and deficient food.

Champagne is one of the most expensive of French wines.

Through some legal chicanery, the conveyance of the land and houses was useless, as it did not convey.

The complacent complainer forgot his own faults, while grumbling at those of others.

Cutaneous or skin diseases are very difficult to heal, and often contagious.

The dissuasion of the father was distasteful to the son.

The invalid was much emaciated by his long illness.

The orator expatiated on his extraneous efforts to spread truth, but the appearance of an opponent soon effaced his elation.

The Equator is said to be 24,897 miles in length.

The embrasures of the fort were crushed by the enemy's artillery.

The light radiated from the palace windows, where

a **farrago** of nonsense was being talked, which exercised the forbearance of all the sensible people present.

The humane doctor had met with a hairbreadth escape through the hairbrained folly of some officers.

Never impair the influence of good men, by **inveighing** against them; rather **ingratiate** yourself with them by good deeds.

The **insatiable** thirst for reading pleased the loquacious librarian highly.

Esther did obeisance to King Ahasuerus in Eastern form.

The **opaque** glass was suitable for the occasion.

The efforts of two parties to persuade the purveyor placed him in a **quandary**.

The **regalia** must remain at the Tower, as many persons were unable to refrain from stealing them.

Changes of post horses called **relays** are kept ready on the Russian roads.

The remainder of our time was spent in an enquiry as to the cause of **spontaneous** combustion.

We learned with unfeigned sorrow the death of one sailor.

In our attempt to **unveil** the cause, the evidence was **unvaried**.

The **runaway** seaman had been entrapped into marrying a **virago**, whom his more sagacious ship-mate escaped.

Children in good health are naturally **vivacious**.

The **sacrifice** of Jesus Christ is called a **vicarious** sacrifice, because it was offered on behalf of others.

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15.—DIFFICULT WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH OPEN SOUND OF **a** AS IN **bat, fat, pat**.

The whole **academy** was aghast at the audacity of the truant.

To say that St. Paul uttered his **anathema** in the

second century would be an **anachronism**, as he had died long before.

Amalgam is necessary in working an electrical machine.

When a strong resemblance is observable in two things, it is called an **analogy**.

Aquatic birds are those which feed chiefly in the water.

Asphalte is employed now in making foundations and pavements.

The **assassin** was reprieved because he was very **asthmatic**.

Battalions of **cuirassiers** were opposed to us at Waterloo, whose efforts increased the slaughter, and hastened the catastrophe.

Cantharides are used in surgery to raise blisters.

The **contraction** of a French marriage was unfortunate for several English kings.

Dramatic entertainments have strong attractions for the young, but their influence for good is certainly **exaggerated**.

Ejaculations are sending forth emotional and fitful speeches, or utterances.

To **emancipate** the slaves was the object of his endeavours.

His **elaborate** speech proved that he was **emphatic** in his determination to **enfranchise** humanity.

He had been deeply **enamoured** of a planter's daughter, but she had been sold as a slave by her father's executors, and was beyond his reach.

A short time elapsed, and his **elastic** disposition revived, and with it his settled determination to **emancipate** all slaves.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the greatest financier of his day.—The **finance** of the country has never been more flourishing.

The **gymnastic** apparatus increased the hilarity of

the pupils, but the harangue of the irascible teacher damped it.

The incalculable benefits promised by the new company proved to be all imaginary, but the chairman was quite impassible to the complaints of ruined shareholders.

The mendacity which had thus deceived people, was equalled by the opacity of his mind.

The miraculous draught of fishes has been finely sketched by Raffaele in his cartoons.

The mechanics and agriculturists of America eat quantities of molasses.

The portmanteau was stolen from the piazza by a thief, who must have climbed up the pomegranate tree.

The phylacteries of the Pharisees were sentences written on the border of their robes.

The phlegmatic Dutchman suffered greatly from rheumatics.

The rowers at the regatta had a substantial dinner.

The scholastic theology and philosophy were upset by Lord Bacon.

The palace of the Turkish sultan is called his seraglio.

Luther was regarded as a schismatic by the Roman Catholic world.

The Virginian weed tobacco was at first called a stomachic.

The reign of the king was distinguished by a tyrannical exercise of power.

The people were unanimous in their belief in the king's veracity.

16.—WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF **a** IN **bar** AND **a** IN **bawl**.

In the bazaar there was a depôt for cigars.

The cigar seller was suffering from a troublesome catarrh, or cold.

The railway carriage was divided into compartments.
The guitar is a common instrument in Spain and Portugal.

An enlargement of the heart killed the undaunted soldier at last.

Applause is pleasant to those who seek it.

The leader of the forlorn hope was appalled by the danger to be incurred in the assault of the fortress.

The book was bedaubed by the dunce's dirty fingers.

The defaulter fled when he found his resources exhausted, and that his endorsement of forged cheques was discovered.

The cloth was pressed by an enormous hydraulic press.

The first instalment of the debt was paid on Monday.

The intralment of his countrymen gave great pain to Demosthenes.

The pacha commanded all marauders and plunderers to be severely punished.

The goods were covered over by a tarpaulin.

17.—WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH
VOWEL SOUND OF e, IN me, he, &c.

The balloon is an aerial machine, by which various scientific discoveries have been achieved of late.

Some of the ancient Stoics were very abstemious and austere.

Antique vases and statues are often found in Italy.

Under the feudal system, all paid homage or allegiance to the king.

The good are often not appreciated while they live.

They turned wild beasts into the arena, and appeased their hunger with living Christian martyrs.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," said Paul to the Philippian gaoler.

The missionary bequeathed his family to the care of the Church.

Multitudes who went to besiege Sebastopol, did not return.

"Me ye have bereaved of my children," said Jacob to his sons.

To speak against God and the king is to blaspheme.

Good bohea and souchong were sold in the canteen, until forbidden by the caprice of an officer, whose career had not been creditable, and who was afterwards cashiered.

The chagrin of the Mexican cacique may be imagined when he saw a cathedral standing on the site of his temple.

The minister conceived the idea of deceiving the czarina, on her journey through the Crimea, by dressing up the peasantry, so as to make them seem completely comfortable.

The idea that the chameleon changed color frequently, was a mere chimera, and only a conceit of some old travellers.

The author of the critique was not known, as his name was concealed, but all willingly conceded it to be just.

The congealed flesh of the whale and seal is eaten by Esquimaux, who do not regard it as depreciated or deteriorated by being frozen.

We may deceive men by our outward demeanour, but if we attempt to deceive God, our design must be defeated.

In consequence of disease, the knight who could not go to the wars was disseized or deprived of his feudal tenure.

The egregious folly of the men who carried the fascines defeated the object of the engineers in the first assault.

In spite of his fatigue, the facetious humour of the

wit burst forth, comparing the fusee of his pipe, to the fusil of a soldier.

Genteel as the lady seemed, she had been engaged in many political intrigues, and had inveigled our soldiers into snares.

It was said to be illegal, to impede even an inferior officer in the performance of his duty; the right of search being inherent.

The marines on board, were anxious to examine the machinery, so the machinist explained what seemed to them mysterious, without attempting to mislead them.

Oblique lines, are those which are neither upright nor horizontal.

By his obsequious conduct, the courtier outreached his opponent, and obtained a patent to precede him in all state procedures, the other perceived too late, how he had lost the precedence.

In primeval times all the people were plebeians.

In the daily routine of his duties, he received many tokens of kindness, and relieved many who had been wounded in the retreat with food and other necessities, the receipt of which saved their lives.

The mistake respecting the convict was remediable by a reprieve; he had been convicted of stealing saltpetre, but a witness who had been summoned by subpoena set the matter right.

The serene weather had tempted many creatures forth, which had been secreted in hiding places all the severe winter.

The case of instruments was covered with shagreen, and the owner was sadly chagrined when he lost it.

Companies formed by tontine, are like lotteries, the shares of those who die become the property of survivors.

The harbour was dotted with torpedoes to destroy the ships of the enemy.

The acting of the tragedian was called unique, because no other acted so well.

In spite of the unwieldy burdens lifted by the elephant, he seemed to be still **unweary**—and picked up the captain's heavy **valise** and other trunks with great ease.

18.—WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF **e** AS IN **met, pet, cet, &c.**

The preacher addressed his observations most acceptably to the young, alleging that they were most accessible to temptation, and warning them against the wiles of Satan.

As he was no ascetic, but a benevolent and kindly man, his words of warning and counsel gained the ascendant.

Travelling has been vastly accelerated by railways, the journey which now occupies a few hours, formerly requiring as many days.

The performance of the **brunette** was a mere burlesque, and one of the worst which had occurred in the **bissextile** year.

A line is bisected when it is cut into two equal parts.

The younger sons of a noble family are called **cadets** or **juniors**, and young females of trifling character are called **coquettes**.

The **coquetry** of many such is not compensated by good looks.

The commander of the **corvette** was condemned for piracy, and was contemned by all good men for his misdoing, as he had not only offended, but had coerced others to do likewise.

The conventual system is open to grave objections, its primary object, that of isolation from the world, being **chimerical**.

The covenanters of Scotland held **conventicles** on

the mountains, where they met to worship God in their own way.

The **convexity** of the earth is proved in various simple ways.

The descent of the balloon placed the aerial navigators in a dilemma, and developed the courage and resources of all of them.

The hair of the lady was **dishevelled** by the storm, through which she had been hurried by the **eccentric** executor of her father's will.

The Editor of the **Eclectic Review** preached an **extempore** sermon, **endeavouring** to inculcate sobriety; the discourse was very effective.

The Chancellor of the **Exchequer** received an **envelope** containing bank-notes for income tax.

The youth was too **effeminate** to become a good equestrian.

The fungus, like a huge excrescence, grew on the yew tree, in the garden of the electress of Hanover.

Ipecacuhana and antimony are used as emetics, and are poisonous in excess.

The **enfeoffment** of the domain, was obtained by some **finesse** on the part of the **enfeoffees**.

The Editor of the Gazette was **grotesque** in appearance, but very efficient, and most intrepid in attacking abuses.

His writings have made an indelible impression on the authorities of the town, and though the result is at present indefinite, they will doubtless offer him an indemnity.

The operations of Justice are **inflexible** and **inexorable**, therefore, she is represented blindfold, and with an even balance in her hand.

The crime of the parricide is **inexpiable**, as he cannot recal his parent to life.

The **Lieutenant** had formerly been a **licentiate** of one of the Medical colleges, but was necessitated by

circumstances to make the change, as he possessed very little natural talent.

Pedestrian exercise is good for people of sedentary occupations, and who would not be perpetually grumbling of ill-health.

The polemic was excited by the poetical language of his antagonist, which he derived from the prophetic books of the Bible.

Putrescent matter often looks at night, like phosphorus, or like some of the productions of the pyrotechnist's art.

Some soldiers played at piquet while on picket in the guardhouse, others remained in a quiescent state on the guardhouse beds.

Their colonel was reckoned to be the quintessence of politeness, and regretted that their support should necessitate retrenchment on the part of their entertainers.

This policy removed the resentment of the proprietor, who gave a succession of feasts to the officers and men.

Under the septennial act, Parliament is allowed to last for seven years.

The arguments of the judge were sententious and logical, and required that the estates of the traitor should be sequestered.

The largest was like a terrestrial paradise, so much had been done to render it beautiful.

19.—SPECIAL LESSONS ON DIFFICULT WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF *i*, as in *line*, *pine*, *vine*, &c.

The king acquired by his affability the alliance of his neighbours, who had perfect affiance in him.

His kingdom was an asylum to literary aspirants whose greatest anxiety was to win his approbation.

Annihilation is possible only to the Almighty; to

all other powers, what seems annihilation is only change.

The benign appearance of that person aided him in beguiling those who were inexperienced.

The criminal was consigned to condign punishment, but escaped by the connivance of his gaoler.

He discovered the design, by deciphering a letter written in a disguised hand.

To environ the herd of cattle was the work of a few minutes.

For the horizon was darkened by storms.

The indictment of the offender was wrongly drawn; it was necessary to indict him a second time, so the judge indited the indictment.

The Great Eastern was called the Leviathan of the deep.

No one can be obliged to malign his neighbour, unless he is willing to do so.

It is not the custom in good society to eat and drink beyond satiety.

The saliva is of service in preparing the food for digestion; it is formed by a special salivary gland.

20.—WORDS ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF i, AS IN pin, tin, &c.

To abscond is only another name for cutting off anything.

A deep abyss separated Dives from Lazarus after his death.

Amphibious animals are found at our antipodes, but though sought with avidity, true amphibia are not numerous.

Many districts of the Ural are auriferous or gold-producing, but require assiduous working to be very profitable.

Food is only nutritious as it assimilates with the

blood, which is the chief auxiliary in supporting the system.

During the quarrel of the banditti, the words of the belligerents were scarcely articulate; all seemed as though bewitched, and none would capitulate.

Centrifugal and centripetal forces are both in action in the solar system.

More may be done to win a conquered people by conciliation than by confiscation, or by a continuance of stringent and arbitrary measures.

Committees composed of civilians and of military men sat in contiguous buildings, but never came in collision.

Various coincidences occurred, which gave considerable trouble to all parties.

A convivial meeting was held after their decision was given, when the case was clearly delineated, and the result approved without further deliberation.

A deficiency was discovered on the delivery of the goods, which were also dissimilar to the sample previously sent.

The student had studied divinity so deeply, that he had brain fever, and became delirious.

Dissyllables are words of two syllables, as dismiss.

An eclipse of the moon is caused by the earth being between the sun and the moon, intercepting its light.

The empiric made an explicit declaration that his medicine alone could cure the disease; his reasons filled a long epistle.

A pure and bracing atmosphere exhilarates the mind, and invigorates the body; it is better than empiricism or quackery.

The fulfilment or fruition of his designs on the episcopacy would have laid the church open to anarchy and confusion.

The coldness and frigidity of his demeanour, and his fastidious regard to outward show, proved the futility of his education.

It is well that children should be early initiated into a knowledge of common things, to prevent ridiculous blunders.

In a letter without name or even initials, an invidious attack was made on the general, saying that he had imprisoned only those captives whose conduct had been the least iniquitous.

The disciples placed implicit confidence in their tutor, who had instilled many good principles into their minds, with an infinity of precepts of inimitable beauty and value.

The municipal council acted in a munificent manner; besides abundant medicinal comforts for the sick, they provided a magnificent supply of provisions for the convalescent.

Birds and other egg producers are called oviparous animals.

The royal pavilion had a purple border round its periphery, and the utmost punctilio was exercised in receiving petitions.

One physician was disgraced for his persistence in political agitation.

Quadrille parties were held every evening, but no politicians invited.

The order to rebuild the palace was rescinded by a reciprocal agreement between the prince and the king, and it was not reiterated.

The ridiculous rigidity of the nuncio's demeanour gave great cause of solicitude to the clergy of the Catholic church.

The power of practising ventriloquism gave the man the appearance of ubiquity, he seemed to be everywhere at once.

Those animals which are not oviparous are viviparous.

The vicissitudes of the soldier's life had made him vindictive against those who had inveigled him into the service.

He was vociferous in his complaints of the officers ; every mental volition seemed to be directed against them.

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21.—ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL  
SOUND OF O, IN NOTE.

**Ammonia** mixed with sulphate of copper forms a fine blue colour.

**Anchovies** are caught in the Mediterranean by an association of fishermen.

The **aroma** of the tobacco filled the bureau in an atrocious manner, and the officers bemoaned their hard fate, in not being able to smoke without being discovered.

**Colonial** produce gives much corporeal exercise not only to its producers, but to all who are its carriers and custodians.

**Colloquial** language is that used in conversation, condolence, and salutation.

The substance was a **composure** of corrosive sublimate and chalk.

The conduct of the people was not deficient in **decorum**, though the dresses might have been more decorous.

The **diploma** was given to the man, under an erroneous impression.

He received it with emotion, as unworthy of **encomium** or **eulogium**, though he might have **ennobled** himself, and secured his **enrolment** on the lists of fame, had he resisted the first **encroachments** of evil habit.

The **elopement** of the lady rendered **negotiation** necessary, to relieve her family from the **opprobrium** cast by their opponents.

The **pagoda** was regarded as a taxable building by the **parochial** authorities, to the great disgust of its owner.

The soldier who was taken by the patrol, gave his parole of honour, that he would not try to escape.

The child who was so precocious when very young, was unable to win promotion afterwards. He could not spell the word *prorogue* correctly.

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22.—ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF O, IN *not*, *pot*, &c.

An irregularity is sometimes called an *anomaly*.

The *apostacy* of the archbishop filled his friends with dismay; but he soon recanted, and made an *apology* for his weakness.

The *Apocrypha* includes a variety of ancient books, the inspiration of which is *apocryphal* or doubtful.

*Astronomy* instructs us concerning the heavenly bodies, and is one of the oldest sciences.

A despotic government like that of Russia is called an *autocracy*, while the Emperor of all the Russias is the *autocrat*.

*Biology* is the science of life (*bios*), *biography* a written account of a man's life, and *autobiography* when written by one person of himself.

The unfortunate young lady was betrothed to a besotted drunkard, through a conspiracy concocted by her relations in co-operation with others, who wished to unite two neighbouring estates.

The evidence of the policeman was corroborated by other witnesses, who proved that frauds of colossal magnitude had been effected; the proceedings were in a state of chaotic confusion.

The clergyman was suspended by his *diocesan*, because he refused to use the *doxology*, and other parts of the service.

The shields of the ancient Greeks were embossed with metal and sometimes covered with the hides of animals.

**Exotic** plants are those introduced from warmer climates.

**Euphonical** is another name for sonorous or well-sounding.

**Geography, geometry, and geology** are important sciences; but historical research has more to do with the wellbeing of men.

**Homologous** is a term used in mathematics, and means proportional, while **hypothesis** is a supposition.

The **immodesty** of some persons is concealed by **hypocrisy**; but, though man sees it not, God is omniscient.

**Improvidence** was impolitic on the part of the prince; but he was indocile, and inoculated with the intense pride of his family.

An **isosceles** triangle was cut from a piece of mahogany.

The proposal was misconstrued into an intention to monopolize the trade in corn, a prognostic of future quarrels.

The heathen mythology will not bear the light of reason, any more than the sifting of philosophy.

Heat is now measured by a photometer, and the temperature regulated by thermometers.

**Pulmonic** diseases are the scourge of our climate.

The rhetorical synopsis of the speech was made by the pupils, on the modern system of analysis.

The serpent in the wilderness, and the Lamb of the Passover, were both symbolical of Jesus Christ the Saviour.

In the Hebrew language Jesus and Saviour are synonymous terms.

**Spasmodic** efforts to do good are not so useful as those which are persevering.

His book on zoology was disfigured by too much verbosity.

23.—ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL  
SOUND OF u, IN tube.

The **acumen** of the lawyer brought forward a heap of evidence which had been quietly **accumulated** by the police; on hearing which the prisoner bade adieu to all hope of acquittal.

In the report of the **geologist**, no **allusion** was made to the **alluvial** deposits, to the **amusement** of the other travellers.

The strong smell of the **bitumen** bedewed his eyes with tears, and made the **cerulean** sky look quite dim.

The old **contusion** was not **conducive** to his personal improvement.

**Population** in China is **computable** with some difficulty.

The **demure** looking person appeared to be under a **delusion**, and swallowed a **dilution** of water and ink.

In spite of the **diffusion** of useful knowledge, many persons, not **endued** with wisdom, **eschew** all attempts at educating the poor.

The **effusion** of water on the brain, weakened the **herculean** frame of the blacksmith, whose honesty and industry had never been **impugned**.

The **immunity** granted to political offenders, caused an **illusion** in the minds of the Hungarians, the result of which was most **lugubrious**.

The **misusage** of women has been remedied by Christianity, where its disciples have acted in **pur-suance** of its precepts.

The **protuberance** on the back of the camel was covered with a **profusion** of coarse hair.

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24.—ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL  
SOUND OF u, IN tub, rub, &c.

I wish to accompany the **attorney** when he has **adjourned** the meeting, to enquire into the case of

affront and assault, and to hear how the vintner adulterates the wine.

On the retreat from Russia, the august Emperor suffered with benumbed limbs as much as his meanest officer. He failed through a concurrence of unforeseen events. The Russians with consummate skill had placed combustibles in houses, so as to cause without disturbance the total consumption of Moscow. The army, convulsed with fear and horror, escaped utterly discomfited and discouraged, through barren wastes, where nought could be discerned but snow and the bodies of their defunct comrades.

Enough has been divulged of their sufferings, in that emergency, to show that expulsion was inevitable, and to preserve their escutcheon from the blot of cowardice.

Multitudes were engulfed in frozen rivers, and all enervated by disease and famine.

Without hyperbole, it was the most terrible retreat in history; the immersion of bodies nearly stopped the rivers.

Many maternal and paternal hearts were filled with sorrow, at the rehearsal of the Russian retreat.

Not only did the roads reverberate with the guns of fierce Cossacks, but the elements seemed subservient to the vengeance of the Russians.

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25.—ACCENTED ON SECOND SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF U, IN rule, mule, &c.

Much benefit accrued to the troops from the alteration in their accoutrements, which received the approval of the general and his staff.

It behoved them to make some change, as the men were too heavily accoutred.

The balloon on its ascent contained a baboon,

which was to be lowered in a parachute, to the great glee of the buffoons present.

Canoes are often made by hollowing out trees.

The cartoons of Raphael are thought much of, but their frames are disfigured by the cocoons of insects, sticking to them.

Many cartouches are used at present by the volunteers.

Prince Albert will be entombed in a private mausoleum—hung with festoons of sable cloth, and with lamps ever burning.

The galleon contained gamboge as well as silver, which some think did not improve its value; the intrusion of the privateer captain was quite unexpected and unwelcome.

His manœuvres had been seen, but the poltroon would not attempt either to escape or to fight.

He did not wish to obtrude his presence, but to arrange for the removal of the plate, which was done, by his uncouth sailors, whose bodies were tattooed all over.

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ou in shout, &c.

He would not avouch that the allowance was legal, but abounded in excuses, and advised us to carouse cheerfully, and to devour with devout gratitude whatever we could get.

After the feast, we encountered the people returning from the espousals; the captain had made an endowment of his property to his daughter, empowering her husband to manage it, and when the deed was pronounced complete, the hills resounded with applause.

26.—ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL
SOUND OF **a** IN **late, fate, &c.**

The signs plus and minus in arithmetic are **algebraic** signs.

The lawyer produced an **affidavit** from his absent client, who was wounded while standing near a **barricade**.

The Turks and Egyptians punish by the **bastinado**, beating with sticks on the soles of the feet.

The **colonnades** around the opera-house are lined with splendid shops.

Lord Brougham wrote a **dissertation** on the **Instincts** of animals.

The Cato street conspirators in George the Fourth's reign were a set of **desperadoes**.

Edward the Third was famous as a warrior and **legislator**, and overcame the **machinations** of his enemies.

During the carnival on the continent, balls called **masquerades** are held, when people appear in **miscellaneous** dresses and characters.

The playground was surrounded by **palisades**, which **separated** it from the public road.

The conduct of the puritan leaders was often **pharisaical** and proud.

Subterranean passages were common in connection with the ancient castles of England.

When questions are answered by all the class at once, the answers are said to be **simultaneous**.

The noise of the **avalanche** filled the villagers with **trepidation**.

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27.—ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL  
SOUND OF **a** IN **pat, mat, &c.**

The smallest creatures of the animal kingdom are the **animalcules** that abound in stagnant water.

**Christianity** was introduced into England A.D. 597, in the reign of Ethelbert, the Saxon king of Kent.

Many fishes like the sturgeon, shark, and ray, have a **cartilaginous** skeleton instead of bone.

The evidence on which the criminal was convicted was circumstantial, and not satisfactory; he was pardoned through the indefatigable exertions of his solicitor.

Plato wrote a work called the **Phædon**, on the immortality of the soul.

The incapacity of the minister, was made worse by his flagrant **immorality**, and by his **pusillanimous** avoidance of everything which gave trouble.

Wales is called the **Principality**, because it gives a title to the eldest son of the sovereign.

Fermentation is said to be the first stage of **putrefaction**.

A **quadrilateral** figure has four sides and four angles.

The **singularity** of the **supercargo's** manner attracted the attention of the owners, and they found that he was **systematically** cheating them.

As a dishonest man he was discharged, but as an old servant he was **superannuated** and pensioned.

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28.—WORDS ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF e, IN **feet**, **meet**, &c.

In the **amphitheatre** at Rome, christians fought with wild beasts, and gladiators with each other.

One who has charge of a bankrupt's estate is called an **assignee**.

The **bombardier** struck at the cavalier, and knocked him from his horse.

The **chandelier** was destroyed by the fire, and the owner treated in a **contumelious** manner.

Eating **deleterious** compounds brought on **diarrhoea**, which destroyed the health of the **engineer**.

The chancellor is the greatest of European financiers.

A gazetteer is a register of all remarkable places, and a soldier who uses grenades is a grenadier.

The criminals of France are executed by a guillotine, a sure guarantee against clumsiness.

The hymeneal festivities were accompanied by incoherence of speech and manner among the guests.

The loss of the general was irretrievable, as he could not be replaced.

The magisterial dignity of the mandarin was shocked by the misdemeanour of the mountaineer.

The same person was mortgagee of the magazine and of the mausoleum.

By great perseverance the palanquin was obtained to remove the travellers from quarantine.

The repartee of the infidel was witty, but very sacrilegious.



29.—WORDS ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF e, IN pet, let.

Accidental circumstances developed his taste for painting and architecture, even in his adolescence, or youth.

Assafœtida is a medicine of disagreeable odour, of service in spasmodic complaints.

The rapid convalescence of the patient was the result of the conscientious attention of the physician.

The father threatened to disinherit his son for his disingenuous conduct, but his repentance, though evanescent, disarmed his father's wrath.

Champagne and soda water owe their effervescence to the escape of imprisoned carbonic acid gas.

The supposition was quite hypothetical, and needed proof.

Between Charles I. and Charles II. there was an interregnum.

The growth of plants, however rapid, is imperceptible to the eye.

Mignonette is cultivated for its fragrant smell.

A parallelogram is a four-sided figure, whose opposite sides are parallel and equal.

The officer spoke of his predecessor in a favourable manner, and gave his commendatory letters to his acquaintances, who were sympathetic.

The engineer was well versed in theoretical knowledge, but had no opportunities of practical study.

30.—ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUNDS OF i, IN pine, AND i, IN pin.

The meeting of shareholders was characterized by a contrariety of opinion, which gave it an unenviable notoriety.

The conduct of some of the unenlightened natives was undeniably superior to that of some Europeans.

The abolition of slavery in the British colonies cost us twenty millions sterling, without reckoning adventitious losses.

Joan of Arc professed to have seen a beatific vision; her courage and energy were certainly beneficial to her country.

The ministry under Lord North and Fox in 1783 was called a coalition ministry, because two opposite parties coalesced or united.

Dunstan opposed the marriage of Edwy on the plea of consanguinity or relationship.

Learned disquisitions have been written to prove that he was right.

Correct definitions are essential in the study of the mathematics.

The demolition of the forts Redan and Mamelon, preceded the capture of Sebastopol.

Frederick II. of Prussia was remarkable for his

eccentricities, one of which was a desire for tall soldiers.

The flexibility of copper wire renders it useful in many circumstances.

Richard III. founded his claim to the throne on the illegitimacy of the young princes Edward V. and the Duke of York.

The happiness of society depends on the good conduct of its individual members.

The insignificance of the complaint, equalled the insufficiency of the excuse for it.

Metaphysical writers differ very much in opinion, from Aristotle to Locke.

Politicians ought to know much of the science of government and history.

The old king had a paralytic stroke, in addition to mental imbecility.

The conduct of the prince was prejudicial to the health and happiness of his father—when profligacy took the place of puerility.

The prohibition of the slave trade has not stopped that traffic entirely.

The repetition of the prohibited act subjected them to a heavy penalty.

A superficial knowledge of arithmetic will not do for a civil engineer.

The governor Gessler alienated the Swiss people by his supercilious manners.

Scientific associations discourse yearly on a variety of subjects.

Few men enjoy wealth, who have become rich by surreptitious means.

81.—ACCENTED ON THIRD SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF O, IN rote, note, &c.

The braggadocio of the Mexican soldiers was equalled only by their cowardice.

The Goddess Ceres is represented with a cornucopia or horn of plenty.

The ambassador met with a ceremonious but not very cordial reception.

The music played by the amateurs was very inharmonious and not likely to decoy incorporeal beings down to earth.

The conduct of the children was irreproachable, and their reward most meritorious.

The union of Philip the Second and Mary was an unfortunate matrimonial speculation.

VOWEL SOUND OF O, IN lot, not, &c.

The chronological tables of Archbishop Usher, cost him much time and labour.

Candidates for the civil service must understand précis, that is, the abridgement of correspondence, and putting the substance of a series of letters in categorical order.

The conduct of the soldiers during the assault was said to be diabolical.

Etymology teaches the meaning of words by explaining their roots or derivation.

Horizontal lines are those which form a level opposite the eye.

Actors and dramatists are called professors of the histrionic art.

Hypochondria is another name for depression of spirits.

Any extravagant description or praise of anything is called hyperbolic.

Few of the painters were above mediocrity, though most of them painted either metaphorical or mythological subjects.

Ophiology gives a description of serpents, with accounts of their periodical sleeps, and modes of feeding.

Each science and subject of philosophical study,

has distinct modes of phraseology; every philanthropic effort requires some sacrifice from those who make it.

Lavater wrote a series of letters on physiognomy, but the subject is of less importance than that of physiology.

The students took their seniority in accordance with proficiency in trigonometry,

THE VOWEL SOUND OF U, IN tube.

The assiduity of the teacher increased his constitutional tendency to disease of the heart—but the pain lessened in proportion to the diminution of his labours.

Some attributes of the Deity are incommunicable to humanity.

The importunity of the beggar, effected what benevolent feeling had failed to do.

The builder expressed his incredulity as to the ingenuity of the invention, saying that it had previously failed.

Retribution followed the crimes of the revolutionist sooner than even his enemies expected.

A superfluity of wealth led him into vices, and some of his supernumerary officers conspired to destroy him.

32.—ACCENTED ON FOURTH SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF a IN late, fate, &c.

The abbreviation of the work was very difficult, and acceleration was secured by extra payment.

Only the fool desires annihilation, that he may escape from judgment.

The lady devoted herself to the alleviation of the sufferings of the wounded soldiers, and to reading the Scriptures and books of the Association.

Colonization seems to be the destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Conciliation and cooperation were successful in putting down the revolt.

After coagulation the colouring matter of the blood sinks below the serum.

The painter's delineation of the scenery was very faithful, and showed deliberation as well as skill.

The rule of a rigid disciplinarian had been disadvantageous to the institution, and secret inebriation was frequent.

All attempts to prevent it had been inefficacious.

The Mediterranean sea covers an area of more than a million of square miles.

The sacrifice of a lamb was intended as a propitiation or atonement for sin.

The great cave of Elephanta, near Bombay, has many ramifications or windings.

The renunciation of dominion by Charles V. placed his son Philip on the Spanish throne.

After the failure of every attempt at resuscitation, the father bowed with resignation to the will of Providence.

33.—ACCENTED ON FOURTH SYLLABLE, WITH VOWEL SOUND OF a IN cat, rat, &c.

The republican party held antimonarchical views of course, and heard with dissatisfaction the proclamation of the Empire.

Ecclesiastical power repressed all attempts at familiarity.

Impartiality was one feature of his rule, and inhospitality another—he never pardoned any personal irregularities. His particularity was not an unfavourable peculiarity.

Spirituality characterized the early christians, amid the universality of their persecutions and trials.

VOWEL SOUND OF i, IN tin, pin, &c.

Napier the arithmetician invented a system of logarithms the characteristic or base of which is 10.

Divisibility is one of the properties of matter.

The generalissimo, by prompt interposition, saved the prisoners from the implacability of the sepoy's revenge.

Wellington said that no duty was an impossibility.

The incredibility of the story led to doubts of his infallibility.

The indisposition of Henry VIII. increased his inflexibility of character as well as his irascibility.

The mathematician complained of the pusillanimity of those who were to aid him in his researches.

The respectability of the party was undoubted, but he was liable to too great susceptibility of anger.

THE END.

